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The Billy Goat Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



As we reach No. 43 in our numerical classification of mechanical banks we come to another bank that has more appeal to the advanced collector. This bank is the Billy Goat Bank, a rare and desirable item, but particularly impressive as to appearance and action.

The prolific bank designer, Chas. A. Bailey, patented the Billy Goat Bank July 26, 1910, and it was manufactured by the J. and E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. It's of interest to note that Bailey also patented the North Pole Bank on the exact same date as the Billy Goat. As a matter of fact the magazine "Playthings", for May, 1910, announced both the North Pole and Billy Goat Bank as newcomers on the market. The North Pole to sell at 50c over the retail counter and the Billy Goat to sell at 25c. Neither one of these banks apparently attained any degree of popularity even though it's apparent the Billy Goat was put out as a hopeful large seller at the price. And the North Pole to capitalize on the current historical event. Even toy drums with North Pole scenes were hopefully put on the market at the time. In any event, neither one of the banks were made in any great quantity or over any long period of time. It is always well to keep in mind that the length of time a bank was made is a great factor in its being rare or common today. Tammany and Halls Excelsior, for example, were made year in and year out over a period of many years. Therefore, great quantities of these banks were manufactured and that is the reason they are two of the most common mechanical banks found. Of course popularity and salability of any mechanical bank was the governing factor as to the length of time it was made and the quantity that were manufactured.

Back to Chas. Bailey for a moment, it is well to recognize the large field of his mechanical bank designing. As a matter of fact if a collector only had mechani-

cal banks either made or designed by Bailey he would have an outstanding collection. Bailey's banks are among the most desirable from all angles, including action, appearance, and clever mechanism. He covered a very broad field with his toy banks even including history and politics in their makeup. Any mechanical bank showing the Bailey touch has an extra measure of desirability and value.

The bank pictured is in fine original condition and was obtained by the writer some years ago in a Boston antique shop. It is painted in a very simple way, the entire base being a silver or aluminum type paint over a light tan undercoating. The small flower in the center is red. The goat is black with a white eye and white marking. It's interesting to note that the name "Billy Goat Bank" is inscribed along the bottom edge of the base and the word "Bank" has the letter 'n' in reverse. The entwined scroll work of leaves and flowers is typical of Bailey's work.

The action of the bank is quite simple. The coin is placed as shown in the picture. Then the wire lever, just under the goat's rear legs, is pulled. This causes the goat to rise and butt forward toward the coin. The coin drops into the bank and on pushing the lever forward the goat returns to the position in the picture. This bank has the conventional type round Stevens' coin trap in the base for removal of coins.

To repeat, this bank is not particularly spectacular in its appearance or action, but it is a rare desirable item to have in a collection. Some of these simple action banks such as this one, the Turtle, and others command a lot of respect and rate well ahead of many much more attractive banks. It is a hard bank to add to a collection and a limited number exist in private collections today.

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Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

With the constantly increasing values of uncirculated coins it is essential that the serious collector be certain he knows how to determine whether a coin is really uncirculated or not. With some of the cleaning processes today very careful scrutiny is needed. By this I do not mean a cleaned coin cannot be considered uncirculated, but that many cleaned coins have the appearance of uncirculated pieces when closer scrutiny will show they have some wear.

It must be remembered that truly uncirculated pieces, if properly cleaned, are not decreased in value, even though under some circumstances it is preferable to have uncirculated pieces in their natural state. Too frequently, we look at a coin, and because it appears bright and new, consider it uncirculated, when the actual wear upon such a piece should be the determining factor.

I shall endeavor to describe what I have found to be the first spots to wear on a coin—the first place to look for wear on what appears to be an uncirculated coin. I shall also give other telltale defects for which to watch.

Lincoln Cents show their first wear on the cheekbone of Lincoln's bust. In the twenties, for a few years Lincoln Cents were struck very poorly so the coinage appears blurred, and these would be exceptions to the rule. Such blurred coins, even though uncirculated, would not be considered choice uncirculated coins.

Indian Heads first show wear on the obverse at the lock of hair at the lower right hand bottom part of the bust. The ribbon hanging down is next to show wear. On the reverse, the highlights of the bow at the bottom of the wreath first wear.

The tip of the headdress above the word "Liberty" first shows wear on a Large Cent back to 1840. Prior to that time the hairlock below the headdress, the eyebrow, and cheek, give the telltale evidence. On the reverse, the highlighted leaves in the wreaths must be watched for wear. These coins were rather well struck. They should also be watched for minute scratches on the field of the obverse and reverse, and on the head, and, most important of all, on the edges of the coin. I have seen Large Cents that apparently have no wear at all, but with close examination, contain many tiny scratches and nicks which immediately remove them from the uncirculated category.

Color plays a vitally important part in the valuation of Large Cents. Rich browns, and steel color, are the most desirable. Partially red, red and brilliant are less desirable due to their aptness to corrode under certain conditions.

The earlier Large Cents are a study for an expert. Being crudely struck and with so many varieties it would be difficult to set any code of wear to look for. Each coin must be examined with greatest care. Look for minute tiny scratches. Examine the color of the coin, and its glossy surface. Should one of these "seem" to be worn slightly it might well be the manner in which it was struck.

The most desirable condition for an early Large Cent would be one with a rich dark brown, glossy surface, well centered, evenly struck with no apparent signs of wear, corrosion, tiny nicks, scratches, and the like. Large Cents in this condition are very valuable, and should be carefully handled to maintain their status.

The description of wear on Large Cents covers that of the Half Cent series.

The Eagle Cents of 1856 through 1858 first show signs of wear upon the eagle's breast directly below the wing. The wing tip and eyebrow should also be examined. Some Eagle Cents are known with very smooth tail feathers. This does not indicate wear, however, for many were lightly struck there.

Two Cent pieces are easy to detect for the "we" of the motto is the first item to go. Blurred horizontal lines in the shield are frequent, but these are not necessarily signs of wear for many were coined in this manner.

The lock of hair above the ear first shows signs of wear on the Three Cent Nickel piece. These should also be closely examined for color, for soiled or discolored pieces are not desirable. Mint bloom should be evident upon these.

The Jefferson Nickel wears first on Jefferson's cheekbone. On the reverse, just below the dome of Monticello, first signs can be detected by a slight dulling or discoloration from the original glossy uncirculated look of the rest of the coin. These may be cleaned but it is very difficult to get away from this dulling effect.

Buffalo Nickels are about the most difficult to identify in uncirculated condition. First examine them for

their original glossy mint bloom or color. If this is satisfactory, then examine the sharp edges of the coins for slight telltale hairlike scratches that will indicate circulation.

After this, closely examine the shoulder of the buffalo which will appear worn, for Buffalo Nickels were coined in this manner, but examine the smooth shoulder for more telltale hairlike scratches. Next examine the cheek, and just above the braid on the Indian's head for the same hairlike scratches. If the coin has no wear, no hairlike scratches on the above spots, and has its original mint bloom, it can be assumed it is a truly uncirculated coin.

The Liberty Nickel first shows wear on the lock of hair over the temple and on the reverse highlights of the leaves in the wreath. The majority of Liberty Nickels were struck very sharp, but blurred coinage is known in the years of 1911 and 1912. Slight dulling of the original mint bloom on the highlights is the first sign of wear, as was the case with the Jefferson Nickel.

The tiny crosslike emblem atop the shield of the Shield Nickel shows evidence of wear first. On the reverse, examine the "5" for minute, hairlike scratches and signs of wear.

A great many of the Three Cent silver pieces were not struck very sharply. Of the earlier design, color, lack of hairlike scratches, and wear will determine these. The type II, Three Cent piece, from 1854 on, has sharply defined lines around the star. These are the first to wear although these tiny coins usually wear fairly evenly all over.

First signs of wear on Liberty Seated coins, whether they be half dimes, dimes, quarters, halves or silver dollars, appear on the ear of the head, (some are known to have been struck blurred, however) then on the thigh of Liberty Seated. The ribbon below the wreath, on the reverse of the dime, and half dime, wears first. Quarters and halves first show wear on the eyebrow and upper beak of the eagle, then on the upper wing tips.

Bust type quarters and halves wear first at the lock of hair near the ear, next at the clasp on the ribbon at the lower part of the bust. On the reverse, the eagle's upper bill and the top edges of the wings wear first. Some of these are known to have been lightly struck so on these the general appearance of the rest of the coin must be taken into consideration.

Telltale signs of wear first show up on the eagle's wing, right in the center of the coin on a Peace Dollar. On a Morgan Dollar wear appears first on the eagle's breast and head. With both of these coins the reverse seems to show wear a good deal faster than the obverse.

Barber Quarters, Halves and Dimes wear first on the obverse on the lock of hair over the forehead and temple directly below the word "Liberty." The cheek next shows discoloration and dulling. The reverse of the quarters and halves wear first directly above the eye of the eagle.

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QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.

Question:

I always read your questions and answers in *HOBBIES*. Now I have some questions of my own I hope you can answer. I have four coins I think are Commemorative coins. I have made three drawings (very crude, I'm afraid) but hope you can make them out. The fourth coin is much thinner than the other three and doesn't seem to be as good a metal but it also looks like silver.

—Mrs. A. C. F., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The pieces you have are not coins but medals and are worth around one dollar each with the exception of the Washington medal which is worth \$2.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please send me any information you have on this coin. Both are copies of the same coin. Please tell me the approximate amount of money in actual cash I would receive from a coin dealer if I were to sell this coin to a dealer. Thank you.

—H. H., Michigan

Answer:

The coin you have is a Belgian coin, 5-centime of Leopold. It can be bought from any dealer for 5c.

—C. F., New York

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valueless. Indian heads are worth as follows; 1890 and 1880 2c each; 1869 in good condition 50c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a dollar bill which seems to be printed and cut incorrectly, Z62359015G, Series 1935E. The overall size is 2 9/16 x 6 1/8 inches with the top left corner turned down and overimprinted. It is slit across the "1" in that corner and when this flap is lifted a blank spot is exposed. What is the value of this as a collector's item and whom should I contact. I noticed your column in *HOBBIES*.

—T. O. T., Arkansas

Answer:

Such freaks are not too rare and if the bill is in crisp new condition it would be worth around \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

This coin was in a lot I bought the other day. I have tried to find out what it is in the books I have but without results. I am enclosing a rubbing of each side. Please tell me what country it is and what its retail value would be.

—P. P., New York

Answer:

I fail to find the coin listed in any of our books also. Its legends however lead me to believe that it is from Siam and most likely a very recent issue not as yet published. 25c should be a good price to ask for it.

—C. F., New York

Question:

The rubbings are from a brass piece. I am not even sure it is a coin. The square in the middle is cut out. When I was a small child an old man had a sword with things embedded in the hilt and that is where this piece came from. Is it a coin? And does it have any value? I assume it is Chinese, and how old?

—Mrs. R. T., Illinois

Answer:

The coin you have is one of the very common one cash pieces of China. They have been made for the last century or so. Have very little if any value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please inform me on the worth and origin of the following coins: Mexican gold 10 peso piece, dated 1917. Spanish silver coin about the size of a dime with the words "VTRAQUE VNUM" "o/M" and the date 1735 on one side and the words "PHILIP. V.D.G. HISPAN. ET. IND. REX" on the other. French copper coin about the size of a nickel with the words "FRANCE. ET. INAVARR. REX."

Question:

Please tell me if this coin is valuable, (rubblings enclosed), and what it is.

—Mrs. F. H., Colorado

Answer:

The coin you have is a Maria Theresa Thaler and is worth \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed please find rubbings from a 1794 copper cent. This coin is owned by a friend of mine who was informed the value of the cent to be \$75.00. We would appreciate your valuation.

—B. V. A. W., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The only way a 1794 cent could possibly be worth \$75 would be if it was in absolutely uncirculated condition, just like it was the day it was coined. The impression you have sent us indicates that this coin is far from that condition. Looks more like a \$2.00 coin to me.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am not a coin collector but I did find two pieces of money I am curious to know about. Will try to describe them. One is an Indian Head cent 1860. The other is paper money, a piece of Fractional Currency & is Ten Cents. Inclosed is a very poor sketch.

—W. R. F., Indiana

Answer:

The 1860 Indian Head cent is worth around 10c and the ten cent fractional currency note, issued during and shortly after the Civil War is worth 20c, if in fine condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Sometime ago I wrote to the World Book Encyclopedia Reference Library about some coins I have and they referred me to you. I would like to know if they are of any value except for keepsakes. I'll try to make as clear pencil rubbings as I can. Thank you.

—Mrs. J. L. R., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The dime you illustrated is worth 20c; (both) the George V penny worth 10c; the 2c piece worth 15c; the Argentine coin 5c. The 1833 cent 25c; the other large cent having hole is

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1774." On the other, LUDOV. XV. D. GRATIA. Mexican 1 peso 1903 (silver). I have enclosed a rubbing of the last coin.

—Mr. R. B. M., Texas

Answer:

The Mexican 10 peso coin of 1917 is worth \$7.50. The Spanish Real of 1735 in fine condition 25c; Louis XV French Sou 10c; Mex. 1903 Peso 50c. The last piece is most likely one of the crude cob type copper coins struck in Mexico or So. America under Spanish rule during the 17th century. I regret I cannot identify it in more detail as the illustration is not very good.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a rubbing of a two-headed quarter, dated 1861 on one side and 1877 on the other side. Please let me know if it's worth anything.

—T. B. K., Missouri

Answer:

This undoubtedly was made by someone, by splitting two coins and sweating the two obverses together. Examination of the edge should disclose the fine crack where the two pieces were sweated together. This is done to falsify "Matching" coins, i.e., two heads.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to know the value of a coin I have. It is copper and half a dollar size. On one side it says,

WANTED TO BUY

GOLD COINS—American and Foreign for my personal collection.—Ira Nelson, 80 Battery March St., Boston, Mass. mh124201

HIGHEST PRICES PAID for gold coins, rare coins, worthwhile collections. Prompt payment.—John Ziegler, Rt. 2, Fremont, Ohio. dt22511

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WANTED TO BUY: Bank note reporters counterfeit detectors, and related publications—1825-1855.—Wm. H. Dillistin, 443 E. 39th St. Paterson 4, N. J. my122741

WANTED: For private collection, old or rare U. S. coins, especially pennies. Will pay \$3. per 100 and up for Indian head cents. Send stamped envelope for list of current coins needed. Have extra coins. send want list.—H. H. Glick, Box 210, Fairfield, Illinois. f0927

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"In Commemoration of the Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence," with a wreath around it. And at the bottom is the date, 1876. And the other side has a woman with her hand extended toward 13 stars in a cigar shape with rays of light coming from them and in the other hand she has a sword. At the bottom is the date 1776 and around the outside it says, "These United Colonies Are, and of Right Ought to be, Free and Independent States."

—J. G., California

Answer:

The piece you have is an 1876 Centennial medal and is valued at around \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Would you please give me the kind and value of this coin? The head side has an Indian head on it, under which is the date 1854 and surrounding the head are 13 stars. On the reverse side there is a wreath inside of which is marked in a semi-circle, California Gold. Centered in the middle is a star, but I can't make out any other markings. At its widest point it is approximately three-eighths inches across.

—Miss J. S., Ohio

Answer:

The piece you have seems to be a California gold charm and as such is not of any particular value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I wonder if you can tell me the value of the following bills: Confederate \$20.00 dated Richmond, February 17, 1864; Confederate \$10.00 dated Richmond February 17, 1864; Confederate \$5.00 dated Richmond, February 17, 1864; Confederate 50¢ dated Richmond, February 17, 1864; Louisiana \$5 dated Shreveport, March 10, 1863; Alabama 50¢ Montgomery January 1, 1863; Vermont \$3 Farmers & Merchants bank dated New York October 26, 1837; Rhode Island \$5 due with interest on December 31, 1786, interest one and sixpence per annum; Zimmerman Bank, Clifton Ont., \$5 (no signatures) date 185—, North Missouri Railroad 50, does not say dollars. Evidently an advertisement of some kind, made up to look like paper money. Thank you.

—W. B. T., New York

Answer:

The notes you have are usually purchased by dealers for around 25¢ to 50¢ each in fine condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

What I want to ask about isn't a coin but is connected with coins. It is a British sovereign balance to weigh and gauge a sovereign and a half sovereign and also gauge is to detect if it is counterfeit or not. Could you tell me if this balance is of any value as a collector's item?

—A. A. S., Kansas

Answer:

Usually, very old coin weights are quite rare and some can be quite valuable. I believe, however, the coin weight for British sovereigns and

half sovereigns, would not be very old and worth only a couple of dollars each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would appreciate your advice as to value and information relative to the gold coins shown on enclosed rubbings. The one with NERO on it is rather thick, especially in center and on one side. All are in fine condition or better.

Is there a catalog or book available for purchase that deals only with gold coins of the world? If so, do you know who carries it?

—Mrs. G. A. H., New York

Answer:

Unfortunately there is no coin book dealing with all foreign gold coins and giving values. There are some specialized books on the subject, but they are out of print at present.

Your coins are valued as follows: Gold Aulus of Nero (if genuine) \$35. 400 Reis of John of Portugal \$2.50. Scudo of Chas. of Spain \$2.50. 4 Scudo of Chas. III of Spain \$15.00. 800 Reis John of Portugal \$5.00. 50 Pesos, Mexico \$40.00.

—C. F., New York

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CIGARETTE, TOBACCO, candy cards. Advertising or issued by tobacco companies.—Charles Bray, East Bangor, Pennsylvania. d12069

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and as his second wife, Thomas Stoughton. In 1635 Thomas and Margaret (Baret) Huntington Stoughton removed to Windsor, Conn., as pioneers of that place, and Thomas Stoughton became a leading and valued citizen of the town and colony. He was commissioned an ensign in the military service in February, 1636, and a lieutenant in April, 1637, and several times served as deputy to the General Court of the colony between the years 1639 and 1648. Thomas Stoughton died March 22, 1661.

In 1906 George Shepard Porter of Norwich, Conn., compiled a ten page manuscript—with Index—entitled: "English Ancestry of Margaret Baret, Wife First of Simon Huntington who died on the passage to New England in 1633, and Secondly of Lieutenant Thomas Stoughton of Dorchester, Mass., in 1630 and of Windsor, Conn., in 1635." After checking library references for the Baret (Barret/Baret), Huntington and Stoughton names, and finding nothing in print giving this information, I am pleased to be able to pass along this information.

In another interesting little bit found in a book called "The Freeman of Norwich (England)" 1548-1713 by Millican, on pages 75 and 77, is as follows; listed under Grocers: Croferus Barret; Thomas Barret, filius Christoferi Barret, Ald. February

OLD STAMPS wanted. I will pay \$100. each for 1924 1 cent green Franklin stamps, rotary perforated eleven (up to \$1,000, ea. unused). Send loc for large list of old stamps, coins and collections.—Baker Stamps, 50 Berkshire, Rockville Centre, N. Y. Advertisements since 1931. j13487

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WANTED: Well-carved meerschaum pipes; also flintlock and percussion pistols, muskets, mechanical records, Confederate items. Describe and price first letter.—Witzel, 171-A Baldwin, Jersey City 6, New Jersey. mh3844

WANTED: Paper items such as dolls, furniture, houses, etc.—also Valentine & Stevengraphs.—Connecticut Antiques, Pomfret Center, Conn. mh6675

WANTED: Old catalogues of all kinds. Also cylinder Phonographs and records, horn type phonographs and anything pertaining to early phonographs. Write.—Pollard, 4109 Soquel Dr., Santa Cruz, Calif. mh844

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STEVENGRAPHS, woven silk, by Stevens.—Connecticut Antiques, Pomfret Center, Connecticut. j1308

WANTED: Minerva pattern glass, Indian pennies 1865 to 1878, rolls for Charlton Ford Pipe Organ.—Contract R. D. No. 3, Sunbury, Penna. mh3023

23, 1627; Simon Huntington, appr. Tho. Toft August 15, 1628; Petrus Barret, appr. filius Xpoferi Barret, Ald. December 7, 1631; Robtus Barret filius Xpoferi Barret Ald. November 15, 1637. Interesting, as the name of Simon Huntington appears among the names of Margaret's brothers and father—and in the same business.

Those interested in the American descendants of Margaret (Baret) Huntington Stoughton will have no trouble searching out their lines in the Stoughton or Huntington genealogies.

INTERPRETATION

BARRETT: A silver (argent) shield with a diagonal band of blue (azure) from the dexter chief to the sinister base (bend), between three red (gules) diamond shaped (lozenge) buckles and an annulet for difference. Crest: A helmet of silver (argent) garnished with feathers of gold (or) and gules (red).

The bend is one of nine so-called Honourable Ordinaries, straight-sided figures one-third the width of the shield, first symbols used in identifying men in armour. The bend is placed diagonally across the shield. It is a bearing of high honor, representing the scarf or shield suspender of a knight or military commander, denoting defense and protection.

The buckle is the symbol of victorious fidelity in authority. The lozenge denotes honesty and constancy, and was held to be a token of noble birth.

The annulet, or ring, "for difference" indicates a fifth son.

Feathers used in Heraldry are usually of the ostrich. They indicate men of high official rank. The ostrich feather symbolizes willing obedience and serenity. It is said that King Stephen of England bore a plume of feathers with the motto "No force alters its fashion," referring to the fold or fall of the feather covering itself after being ruffled by the wind.

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QUERIES AND REPLIES

Send your queries and watch for the replies from readers. Also co-operate with replies whenever possible. Do not expect professional service.

Please enclose 25c for this service and 6c if you wish reply sent to you personally. No replies unless the query is answered by a reader.

#1133 CAMDEN John & Peter. Compensation paid for info. concerning these men in Amherst Co., Va., before 1780. Write "Kentucky Genealogist," P. O. Drawer 554, Madisonville, Ky.

#1134 ARNOLD, Richard b. Chowan Co., N. C. c. 1750; in Bertie Co. N. C., 1790; Bedford Co., Tenn., 1821. Info. wanted parentage, desc. and ancestry. Comp. paid. See #1133

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#1135 DAVIS Elizabeth, m. Isham Talbot, son of Matthew, c. 1750. Bedford Co., Va. Comp. paid info. parents & desc. See #1133

#1136 MOTT, Randolph, Sr., m. Mary of Northumberland Co., Va., before 1750. Comp. paid info. parentage Randolph, Sr. See #1133

#1137 CORBESIER, Amory (Army) m. Edward Dobyns in Essex Co., Va., about 1750. Comp. paid for info. as to parentage & ancestry. See #1133

#1138 GRAYSON, AMBROSE, (John, Benj. and Mary (subsequent wife of Major Francis Harrison) said to have lived Christ Church, Parish, Lancaster Co., Va., 7/1690. Comp. paid for info. as to their ancestry. See #1133

#1139 WALKER, Edmund, died Nansemond Co., Va., c. 1777, leaving child adopted by Robert Owens. Comp. paid for info. his marriage to 1st ancestry. Corres. inv. See #1132

#1140 KING, Michael in Nansemond Co., Va., 1699, brother of Henry Wright from Norwich. Comp. paid for info. marriage to Elizabeth c. 1646, and ances of both. See #1133

#1141 SALT, William, m. Mary Chase, Caroline Co., Va.; m. Clara Saunders; d. 1778. Comp. paid for info. marriage and ances. See #1133

#1142 BENTON, of Bertie Co., N. C., Comp. paid for info. concerning parents of Henry King Benton before 1778. See #1133

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A RARE FIND

The Kiltie Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A completely new find of a heretofore unknown mechanical bank is uncommon in the field of mechanical bank collecting, and amazing when one considers the length of time mechanical banks have been a collector's item. To the best of the writer's knowledge, there have been no discoveries of importance in the mechanical bank field in the past several years until this.

The Kiltie Bank (No. 44 in our series) is an authentic mechanical bank. It is the bust type and adds an interesting specimen to this particular group. Made of cast iron, and a very well made piece, it is also finely modeled.

It was made in England and is similar to Dinah and several of the other English bust type banks. On the back, between the shoulders, is inscribed "Kiltie Bank." Below this appears a registration number which the writer had authenticated by the Patent Office in England.

The bank was obtained by the writer from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Merritt who discovered it recently in Scotland while on an antiquing trip abroad. It was in the original container on which was a picture of the bank itself. This, of course, adds greatly to the prestige of the bank as the container with picture is further proof of authenticity.

Mrs. Merritt, through diligent searching, learned of the existence of some items from an old toy shop. The shop had been closed for some years prior to the beginning of World War II, and some of the stock was stored in the home of a relative of the former toy shop owner. Here Mrs. Merritt was fortunate enough to locate it.

The bank shown is in mint condition and colorfully painted. The hat is black with two red stripes. The face is flesh color, with tinted cheeks, black moustache, blue eyes, and a bright red mouth. The jacket is all over red with buttons, buckles, and the like outlined in white. The wool scarf over the left shoulder is a green and red striped plaid. The name inscribed on the back is painted gold.

To operate the bank, a coin is placed in the extended right hand, and then a lever in the rear left shoulder is pressed. The right arm raises, and the coin slides from the hand into a slot in the left shoulder. At the same time, the eyes raise, and then lower when the lever is released. The arm returns to the position shown.

An English penny is necessary for the proper operation of the bank. Our pennies, nickels, or dimes do not work. They simply fall from the hand and do not enter the coin slot. Also it's interesting to note that the coin

does not enter the mouth, as is the case in all other mechanical banks that are this same type bust with the extended hand.

This Kiltie is not only an attractive bank but is also an appropriate subject in being the bust of a Scotchman since the Scotch are known for their saving habits and jokes and stories surround their holding onto their money. This Scotchman, going a step further, holds onto another person's money.



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able discussion of Greek art, French finances or Buddhist religious rites. It did not seem strange to him to know a bit about those things. The world began to suspect that there was more general culture in America than it had guessed.

The wide increase in American incomes since the war has packed the airways and the seaways with American tourists bound for all parts of the world. They are not snobbish people. They are going to see what they can see and learn what they can learn. They really want to know all about other people, not as "quaint foreigners," but as people. Our diplomats may preen themselves and claim much goodwill about the world, because our new type of American tourist has paved the way for them.

If America should ever achieve the status of real leadership in the world, it will not be so because of the atom bomb, or the glittering gadgets from our mechanized factories. It will be because the world has at last become acquainted with the American people as they are.

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In the Tennyson era of literature there arose in Americana a dynasty of silver tongued orators who could make flowers of toadstools for any occasion, and then with a slight twist of the tongue if they wished sprinkle the petals over your lonesome grave, or turn them into a dunce cap.

From Webster whose "Eyes behold for the last time," through "silver tongued" Phillips, Ingersoll's "hope sees a star," down to the last chapters of Eddin' Bob Taylor and Bryan's "crown of thorns" and "Prince of Peace" there ran a flow of oratory that surpassed the world as much as the cotton crop of Dixie surpassed the world.

Sometimes when we hear our modern orator Senator Dirksen, or Winston Churchill, try to recapture some of the phraseology of Americana we are reminded of a great southern orator who advised young orators to practice before their mirrors all of the emotional variations they could possibly wring from the following gem:

"With a frail reed
I traced upon the sand
'Agnes, I love thee.' (pause)
A wild wave dashed by and blotted
out that fair impression
(adequate pause)

I would with giant fingers pluck
From Norway's frozen heights,
her tallest pine.

Dipping its top in Mount Vesuvius,

I would write
In blazing letters on the sky.
'Agnes I love thee.' (adequate pause)
I would like to see any damn
wave wash that out."

Perhaps in this supersonic, electro-scientific age we have developed so much intellectual static that we can no longer be reached by the emotional sound waves of Americana, but must let our emotions plod along step by step with Dr. Peale, or lie on a couch and tell our dreams to Dr. Menninger.

NUMISMATICS

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

The amount of wear and the ability to accurately classify the condition of coins is of the utmost importance to all Numismatists. The tendency to overrate coins is more damaging now that prices and values have risen so high.

Continuing with my detailed description of coin conditions, particularly how to detect coins that are supposed to be uncirculated, I next take up the Liberty Walking half dollar type. These coins first show wear on the breast of the Eagle on the reverse. The head, breasts, and left leg of Miss Liberty are the next telltale signs. Franklin half dollars show their first sign of wear right in the center of the bell and on the cheek of Franklin. A slight dullness is the very first sign.

Liberty Standing quarters first show signs of wear on the knee of Miss Liberty. A slight flattening appears as the first telltale sign of wear. A good amount of these quarters were coined with flat heads which appear worn, but that does not necessarily mean the coin is not uncirculated. Watch that knee for the first real signs of wear. The reverse Eagle's breast wears first but not nearly as soon as the knee on the obverse. I have seen many beautiful

(cleaned) Liberty Standing quarters with full head, but with that telltale sign of wear on the knee. Don't be fooled on this one! Washington quarters first wear on the Eagle's breast.

Now consider our early types of silver dollars. Type one, Flowing Hair, wears first on the Eagle's breast, and on the lock of hair directly behind the ear. The Bust type, small Eagle, reverse shows wear on Eagle's breast, obverse on the Draped Bust, directly above the first two digits of the date, and to the extreme right bottom. The cheek wears next.

On Liberty seated the first wear shows on right thigh, closely followed by the wear on the forehead and word "liberty" on the shield; reverse, Eagle's beak and upper tips of wings. On Trade dollars, the knee, left breast and head on obverse show first wear; on reverse the Eagle's left leg, then upper tips of wings.

Commemorative coins should be carefully examined as many show wear, particularly in the early series. I shall list the first spots to wear below:

Columbian half dollars.
Obv. cheek and center lock of hair.
Rev. center sail of ship, next, center of globes.

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Stone Mountain Memorial,
Obv. Equestrian leg and hat.
Rev. breast of Eagle.
California Diamond Jubilee,
Obv. hat and arm.
Rev. shoulder of bear.
Fort Vancouver,
Obv. cheekbone and left shoulder.
Rev. fingers on gun, knee and hand.
Sequitentennial, lightly struck coin.
Obv. Washington's cheek.
Rev. center of bell.
Oregon Trail,
Obv. Indian's hand and breast.
Rev. highlights of wagon top and cattle's hip.
Vermont Sequitentennial,
Obv. hairlocks and cheek.
Rev. shoulder, body and hips.
Hawaii Sequitentennial, lightly struck,
shows tendency to tarnish in colors.
Obv. shoulder and cheek.
Rev. knee, arm and head.
Maryland Tercentenary,
Obv. bust, cheek, and nose.
Rev. two figures and crown.

Texas Centennial, Obv. Eagle's breast.
Rev. head and knee.
Daniel Boone Bicentennial,
Obv. cheekbone.
Rev. heads and Indian's arm.
Connecticut Tercentenary,
Obv. oak leaves.
Rev. Eagle's left wing.
Arkansas Centennial,
Obv. cheek and neck of Liberty.
Rev. Eagle's neck.
Hudson Sequitentennial
Obv. lines and sails.
Rev. face and leg of Neptune.
San Diego Exposition,
Obv. breast.
Rev. the tail tower.
Old Spanish Trail,
Obv. head between the horns.
Rev. cactus tree.
Rhode Island Tercentenary,
Obv. Indian figure and boat.
Rev. drapes around anchor.
Cleveland Exposition,
Obv. cheek and temple.
Rev. calipers.
Wisconsin Centennial,
Obv. hand on axe.
Rev. side of Beaver.
Cincinnati Musical Center,
Obv. cheek and collar.
Rev. arms and breasts.
Long Island Tercentenary
Obv. cheek bone and center hair.
Rev. sails.
York County Maine,
Obv. the cross in shield.
Rev. stockade.
Bridgeport Centennial,
Obv. cheek bone and hair.
Rev. Eagle's wing.
Lynchburg Sequitentennial,
Obv. side of face.
Rev. breasts, head and forward leg.
Elgin Centennial,
Obv. beard and ear.
Rev. heads, and arm holding gun.
Albany, N. Y.,
Obv. right hip Beaver.
Rev. clasped hands, hand with scroll.
San Francisco Bay Bridge,
Obv. bear's nose and forearm.
Rev. bridge structure.
Columbia So. Carolina,
Obv. busts and head.
Rev. leaves on palm tree.
Robinson, Arkansas,
Obv. only the cheek and ear.
Delaware Centennial,
Obv. roof of building.
Rev. sails.
Gettysburg,
Obv. both cheeks and hands.
Rev. both shields and faces.
Norfolk Bicentennial,
Obv. the ship.
Rev. the staff, particularly its minute details.

Roonoke Island,
Obv. cheek and ear.
Rev. hips, arm and child.
Antietam, Obv. the beard.
Rev. right tree and center of bridge.
New Rochelle,
Obv. the calf's hip.
Rev. highlights of the Fleur-de-Lis.
Iowa Centennial,
Obv. the Eagle's breast.
Rev. center columns building and the tower.
Booker T. Washington,
Obv. cheek and nose.
Rev. high lights of center letters.
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Obv. the prominent cheek.
Rev. the whole map of U. S. A.

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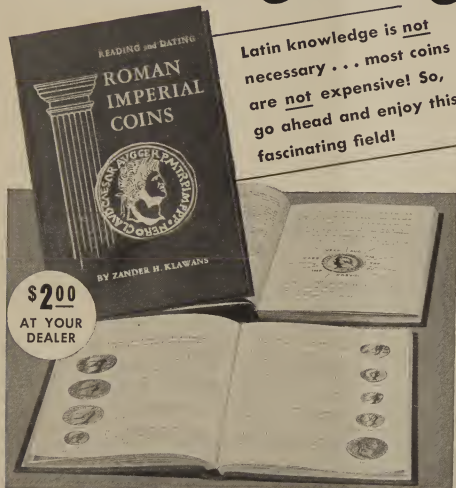
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Question:

I enjoy your Quiz Corner every month. I am enclosing some rubbings, and will appreciate knowing if any of the coins have value. If so where can I dispose of them. Thank you very kindly for your courtesy.

—P. W. C., Florida

Answer:

I am enclosing your pencil rubbings with the coins' values thereon. As you can see their value is not very great.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please send me some information in regard to selling Lincoln cents that are in circulated condition. I am a little new in the coin collectors hobby. These cents are all in good condition, have all large lettering showing and none touches the rim. I am enclosing a list of a few. I read your column in HOBBIES and have always liked it.

—F. J. M., Missouri

Answer:

Used Lincoln cents can usually be sold in quantities S and D mints only prior to 1920 in rolls of 50 each, date and type. The only ones dealers are hot after in single pieces are 1909S VDB and 1914D, also 1922D.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you kindly advise the value of a two cent piece of 1865?

—W. A. E., California

Answer:

The 1865 two cent piece unfortunately is not rare being worth only about 15¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me what the following coins are worth? An 1860 American Indian head penny, an 1858 U.S. penny with a picture of an eagle on it; an 1828 American penny with a woman's head on it; an 1885 British Honduras one cent piece; an 1830 American penny; an 1853 United States one-cent piece, and an 1847 American penny?

—E. B., Illinois

Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows: 1860 1-cent 10¢; 1858 1-cent 15¢; 1828 1-cent 25¢; 1885 Honduras pen-

ny 2¢; 1830 1-cent 20¢; 1853 and 1847 cents 15¢ each all for coins in good condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

On page 120 in HOBBIES of October, 1953, is an inquiry for a Liberty Nickel of 1913. I have one of 1909 and wonder if it is of any value.

—M. B. S., Michigan

Answer:

Unfortunately the 1909 nickel is worth only face value; it is only the 1913 that is very rare.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please inform me of the value of my coins as per the enclosed list.

—F. G., Jr., Alaska

Answer:

Your coins are as follows: No. 1. South Africa Republic Paul Kruger 2 shillings, value \$1.00; No. 2 and 3 George V, England, one penny, value 2¢ each. No. 4 Geo. V, England 3 pence, 5¢; No. 5 Philippine 5 Centavos 2¢; Mexico 10 centavos 2¢; No. 7 Belgium 1 franc, ½¢; No. 8 Germany 10 pfennigs 2¢; No. 9 Germany 5 marks \$1.00; No. 10 Belgium 1 franc 5¢; No. 11 France 5 centimes, (copper) 1¢; No. 12 Brazil 100 Reis 5¢; No. 13 probably broken die variety, no particular premium; No. 14 same; No. 15 Liberty standing halves were coined from 1916 through 1947. This piece is probably so badly worn to make the date look as though it was a 1915 but is not, most likely a 1918.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me the value of this broken bank bill.

—S. W. V., New York

Answer:

The note is one of the many varieties of broken bank bills and is worth very little, probably 10¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify the enclosed pencil rubbings?

—G. P., Wisconsin

Answer:

Your coin is a thaler of the Teutonic order of Knights 1603. It seems to be in excellent condition and its value is between \$5 and \$10.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Would appreciate any information you can give me on the value of this coin.

—E. F., Florida

Answer:

The coin you have is a 20 real coin of Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte from the Madrid mint. Joseph Napoleon ruled Spain from 1808 to 1814. Its value is \$4.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me the value of these coins. Fifty cents—1825, fifty cents—1830, fifty cents—1836, twenty-five cents—1833. Thanks for any information you can give me.

—E. F., Oklahoma

Answer:

The half dollars in the condition as indicated by your pencil rubbings are worth 65¢ each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a large 1837 copper cent. On one side it reads "million for defence," around edge, "one cent for tribute"; on other side is Liberty head with wreath. E Pluribus Unum top of head and date 1837 below, seven stars on one side, six on other. This motto as I know it was "Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute." Would this coin be valuable? Could you send me dates of some, or any valuable Indian head pennies and silver dollars? I have three white flying eagle pennies, 1856-1857. What are they worth?

—Mrs. J. W. L., New Jersey

Answer:

The coin you have is one of many varieties of Jackson cents or Hard Times tokens. Its value is about 10¢. 1856 Flying Eagle cents are very rare and valuable but the 1857 and 1858 are quite common.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings of a coin. Could you please tell me what it is? It has on the obverse side, Liberty head with fifteen stars around border, reeded edge. At bottom the words "Comp. S. Marke." On reverse side eagle holding ribbon in mouth, shield on chest, arrows in left claws, spray in right claws. On encirclement of arrow and spray the motto E Pluribus Unum is printed. Above eagle's head is a halo of thirteen stars and behind these stars there is a set of rays with ten points. Printed on this side are the words (in Unitate Fortitudo) at top and at bottom the

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—R. S., Pennsylvania

Answer:

Your coin is an imitation twenty dollar gold piece made of brass and originally was used as a token or counter in gambling houses.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am an eleven year old girl. I found an 1842 dime. This dime is in very good condition. It is listed in the Coin Book of Fell's. It is a Liberty seated dime but in book this kind of dime shows no stars around the Liberty seated side, Mine has thirteen stars, was made in 1842. Is this dime of any value. I enclose rubbings.

—A. E., Missouri

Answer:

All dimes from 1838 to 1859 have stars upon the obverse. Yours is worth around 25¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing a pencil rubbing of token or coin to give you some idea of size and reading. Can you give me any information about it?

—Mrs. C. A. H., Ohio

Answer:

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—H. B. M., Ohio

Answer:

The piece you illustrate is a one decime Napoleon Bonaparte, France, worth about 25¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please give me as much information as you have on the enclosed coin copy; concerning value, background, etc.

—H. E. H., Michigan

Answer:

It is a 5 centime coin of Belgium and its value is less than one cent.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please give me information on enclosed coin rubbing.

—H. H., Michigan

Answer:

Your pencil rubbing is not very clear but I believe your coin is one of the many emergency tokens issued during the inflationary period of Germany right after World War I. If so it has very little value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I find HOBBIES more interesting than ever. I have a nickel 1866 and since it is the first year they were minted I have been wanting to find out if it has any particular value. I do not know how many were minted the first time, do you?

—Mrs. A. M. M., Vermont

Answer:

The 1866 nickel is not rare, its condition determines its value. It is worth from 10¢ fair; 50¢ good; \$1.00 fine; \$5.00 uncirculated, \$20 if a proof. There were 14,742,500 coined that year.

—C. F., New York

Question:

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K. K., Missouri

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—C. F., New York

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—R. W., Ohio

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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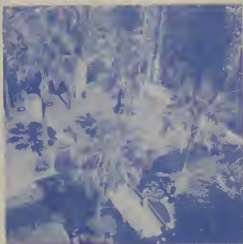
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Question:

Could you please give the value and country of the following coin: Front, Petrus I.D. G. (a few letters worn off) El. Perp. Bras. Det. 1827. Wreath, with surcharged 20 in center of coin, no doubt done later than originally minted. Back, In Hoc Signo Vinces, crown over shield, surcharge on front shows on back, sprig of leaves on each side of shield, crown looks very much Hungarian or Rumanian. Copper, fair condition. Also please give me the value of the following: (1) Mexican, good condition, on front 8 R. G. 1840 P.J. 10 D 20 G, Liberty cap and rays. On back Mexican eagle and Republica Mexicana. I cannot tell the content. At first I thought it was a silver dollar but it has a yellow cast not as definite though as gold. Is it a dollar? (2) Great Britain, Victoria, 1841, one shilling, very good.

—E. A. L., Ohio

Answer:

The copper coin is a counter-stamped 20 Reis coin of Brazil valued at 25¢; the other is a Mexican 8 Real coin of silver valued at \$1., if it is yellow, it most likely is a counterfeit. The shilling is worth 20¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please give me some information on a six shilling note issued in Delaware in 1776, also the value. Six shilling note No. 93869. This — bill according to the General Assembly of the counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex in the 15th year of the reign of King George the Third. Dated first day of June 1776. Signed Visu B. Manlove. Printed by James Adams 1776. To counterfeit is death. Note in perfect condition. On reverse side is a square — is a sheaf of wheat. There is other printing on same side as the sheaf of wheat.

—J. McK., Maryland choose them at any particular time?

Answer:

Your colonial 6 shilling note of Delaware in fine condition is worth \$1. If it was like new it would be worth more.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please tell me value of the following coins: (1) 1835 Liberty Head penny about size of modern silver quarter. "Liberty" engraved on head of figure; wreath and U. S. of America on other side. (2) Silver Dollar, 1897, new condition.

—Mrs J. M. S., Connecticut

Answer:

The 1835 cent is worth 50¢ in fine condition. The 1897 dollar is worth face value only.

—C. F., New York

Question:

As Numismatic Dealers, I thought you might be interested in a bill I have in my possession. If of no interest to you, I would appreciate it if you could tell me of just what value it is. It is an United States Fractional Currency Fifteen Cent Bill. It states—"Act Approved March 31, 1863. Furnished only by the Assistant Treasurers and Designated Depositories of the United States. John Allison, Register; S. E. Spinner, Treasurer; National Bank Note Co., New York."

—Mrs. G. W. C., S. Dakota

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to find out some information about the various insignia that go on coins. Who chooses these insignia and how do they happen to

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Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please evaluate this item of paper currency. "One Sixth of a Dollar. Printed by Hall and Sellers in Philadelphia, 1776. # 23350. One Sixth of a Dollar According to a Resolution of Congress Passed at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776, Fred Kiehl.

—E. G. D., Penna.

Answer:

The value of your paper currency is about 50¢ in good condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

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Answer:

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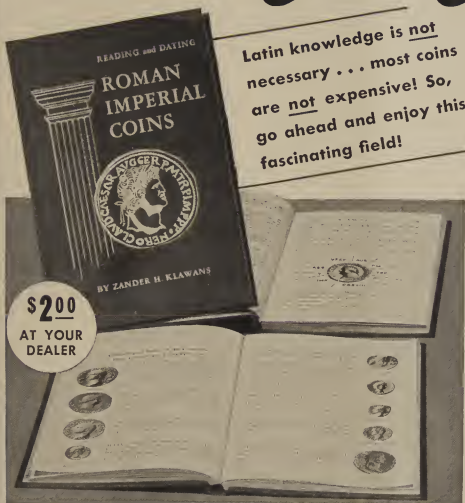
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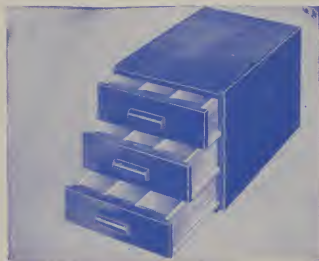
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The Clown on Bar Bank

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The Clown On Bar, No. 45 in our numerical classification of mechanical banks, is another of the type that operates only by the weight of a coin. This, of course, is a very desirable feature and always an additional attraction to any of the banks that operate in this fashion.

The Clown On Bar was manufactured by the C. G. Bush & Co. of Providence, R. I. To the best of the writer's knowledge it was the only mechanical bank made by them. The Bush Company was quite well known along an entirely different line, and this was the manu-

facture of kaleidoscopes. They made some very fine examples of these covered in imitation leather with fine brass fittings and walnut stands. They used fine multi-colored glass and also employed the use of small glass liquid-filled tubes. These tubes had different colored liquids in them and added greatly to the effect of their kaleidoscopes.

The Clown On Bar Bank is quite similar to the French's Automatic Bank, or as it is more commonly known, Boy on Trapeze. The similarity, of course, is the fact that both banks have a figure on a bar, and both revolve by the weight of a coin. The Boy On Trapeze, however, makes a certain number of revolutions according to the weight of the coin used. A penny causes the figure to turn once, a nickel twice, and so on. The accuracy of the balance of the Boy On Trapeze is controlled by a counter-balance weight which makes it much more sensitive in its operation. The Clown On Bar makes a number of revolutions regardless of the size or weight of the coin. However, it will operate by using a dime, while The Boy On Trapeze will not operate with a dime.

The bank shown is from the very fine collection of Mr. L. C. Hegarty whose interest, by the way, is shared by his wife, Gertrude. Mrs. Hegarty is quite instrumental in having the collection in top shape by her meticulous efforts in cleaning and working on the banks. The Clown On Bar was obtained by Mr. Hegarty through the help of A. W. Pendergast. It is in unusually fine original condition with excellent paint. The figure of the clown, which is made of tin, is painted an overall white, with red striping and decoration. The rest of the bank, including the two uprights as well as the base, is painted gold bronze, and these parts are made of cast iron. The wording, "C. G. Bush & Co., Prov., R. I." is cast in one side of the bank in simple impressed lettering.

A coin is placed in the wire holder in the Clown's hand to operate the bank. The weight of the coin causes the Clown to revolve forward on the bar and in so doing the coin falls from the wire holder into the depressed top of the base. There is a large coin slot in the depressed section and the coin goes through this into the base itself. The figure returns to its normal position as shown in the picture, ready for another coin.

The bank is nicely made with diamond-shaped perforations surrounding the sides of the base. The figure is a well-made stamping in tin, and neatly decorated, showing some care in its manufacture. All-in-all the Clown On Bar is an exceptionally nice bank to have in a collection. It's a difficult item to acquire since very few have turned up so far. There are four specimens known to exist in private collections today.

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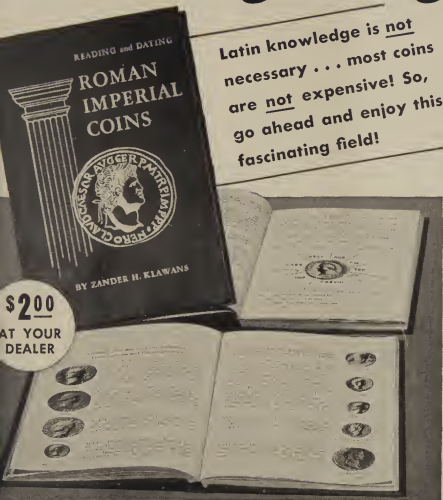
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Answer:
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—C. F., New York

Question:
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Answer:
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—C. F., New York

Question:
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—E. R., Pennsylvania

Answer:
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—C. F., New York

Question:
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PLAYING CARDS

(Continued from page 125)

The Coronation of King Edward was set for June 26, 1902, but on June 14 he was taken ill very suddenly. On June 23 he was able to travel to London but his symptoms returned and on the afternoon of June 24 an operation for appendicitis was performed. By the 28th he was declared out of danger.

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In October, 1905, the Prince and Princess of Wales made a visit to

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India. Prior to their departure he succeeded his father in many offices, to relieve him of some of his burdens.

George made a speech on his return to London May 8, 1906, at Guildhall. The trip left a deep and lasting impression on the Prince of Wales and he took more interest in political and public activities. It encouraged King Edward in his declining years to realize the Prince was taking a keener and more serious interest in affairs, and developing a mature and wise judgement.

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King Edward became ill with an attack of bronchitis on Wednesday, May 4, and passed quietly away at 11:45 P.M., May 6, 1910.

Thus came the passing of an era with the death of Edward, a man beloved by his people. In mixed love and grief, they turned with renewed hope to George V and the beginning of a new era, as the cry rang out, "The King is Dead! Long live the King."

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The item herewith pictured is invaluable in many ways so far as the collector of mechanical banks is concerned. For one thing it pictures and describes the rarest, most desirable mechanical bank of them all, the Freedman's Bank. For another, it shows that in the period of its sale and manufacture the term 'mechanical' was applied as a descriptive terminology to the bank. All of us interested in banks have often thought that the word 'animated,' for example, might be more appropriate as applied to the action banks. However, if 'mechanical' was good enough back in 1880 it's good enough today.

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

After considerable haggling over designs and other preliminary problems, the first half dollar was struck in 1794. Not very many were coined that year, for the act of getting into the swing of production was rather slow.

1795 first saw a reasonable quantity, and the populace could begin to realize we had a mint coining half dollars. Until 1804, silver dollars were the all important coin. They were coined consistently from 1794 through 1804. Half dollars were coined spasmodically. Very few were struck in 1796 and 1797. Both years are very rare. None were struck in 1798, 1799, and 1800. 1802 is another rare one. None were struck in 1804.

With the cessation of dollar coining in 1804, an increase in half dollar production appeared, starting slowly at first. It gradually gained momentum until a great many half dollars were struck from 1809 through 1836.

With the absence of silver dollars it was only natural that the next highest denomination would come into its own. The bust type half dollars, coined from 1807 through 1836 were the popular "depository" coins of all banks. They were stored as collateral and transferred in bulk from bank to bank. They were the "hard money" backing in silver of the day.

I do not believe a great many of these halves ever were used in day to day transactions for if they had been, we would see more of them in badly worn condition. Many "lettered edge" bust type half dollars are available today in excellent condition — proof of what the banks used these coins for.

During 1836 our mint underwent a change and new coining systems were inaugurated, faster, more efficient. The half dollar now slightly reduced in size, first appeared with milling on the edge instead of the lettered edge designs of its predecessors.

Silver dollars began to be coined in quantity again in 1840, and half dollars again slipped back into second place. They undoubtedly now, for the first time, began to appear in quantities as a true medium of exchange. We know that these Liberty Seated halves saw a great amount of circulation and were a popular coin for many decades.

The Civil War caused the tempo-

rary closing of the New Orleans mint to the North but coining continued, only at a little slower pace. Uncertainty caused hard money of all kinds to nearly disappear from circulation. This was a temporary situation.

Morgan's design for the half dollar was accepted, and in 1892 all mints in operation commenced coining the Liberty Head halves. These were used until 1915.

The United States Mint, for many decades had kept specimens of its coinage which had become the "United States Mint Collection." This is a truly beautiful collection, now in the Smithsonian Institute, in Washington, D. C. It contains a specimen of all coins struck by the mint in Philadelphia, including all the celebrated rarities such as an 1804 dollar, 1877 50 dollar gold piece, and all others.

For some reason, the mint authorities did not deem it advisable to save specimens from the branch mints, so this beautiful collection is without any of the rare branch mint half dollars of both the Morgan and the Liberty Walking designs. It is possible that branch mints were not collected to any degree then. Hence this neglect. Or perhaps mintmarked coins were considered as minor rarities. It most assuredly is a contributory factor to the great rarity of branch mint halves in uncirculated condition today.

Between the years of 1892 and 1930 the practice of putting away rolls of coins was done very little. In fact even during the 1930s, when times were bad the majority of rolls put away were for cents and other smaller denominations. This is reflected today, for there are very few cents, nickels or dimes between 1934 and 1938 that have shown much of a rise, while a few of the quarters and halves have risen considerably.

With the coining of the Columbian half dollar in 1892, we embarked upon a new series, the Commemorative half dollars. Since that time, many have been coined in limited quantities. For the most part they have become very rare for they make an attractive series.

In order to secure an issue of Commemorative half dollars, it was necessary for a group who wished to raise money for some public purpose, to have introduced into Congress a bill authorizing the issue. If it passed, it had to be approved by

the President of the United States. The Commission thus authorized was then entitled to instruct the United States mint to coin the number of pieces required. This quantity was restricted by the statute.

Certain requirements were necessary. The designs had to conform with government regulations, that is, the mottoes, legends, etc. Engraving and coining costs were stood by the Commission. The Commission was the only one authorized to receive the coins, at face value, from the mint. In turn it was permitted to sell the coins at a premium.

With this arrangement, no one could secure the coins direct. The profit derived from the sale was to be used by the public project.

From time to time the government frowns upon new Commemorative half dollars issues so does the mint. Both claim that so many designs tend to confuse the populace as to what a real half dollar looks like. There is likely some truth in this theory. But so few Commemorative half dollars appear in circulation, due to their scarcity and value, I doubt if this is as serious as depicted. The practice of some Commissions of having large issues authorized, then having the coins struck over a period of years in order to create more rarities and sell more, is the reason why new issues of Commemorative half dollars are disapproved today.

Commemorative coins are a beautiful, educational series. It is a shame they must be discontinued because of evil practices. An attempt has been made to substitute medals in place of Commemorative coins, but this has never met with the popularity expected from collectors. Some collectors of the United States want the denomination on their pieces, and nothing else seems to satisfy.

The evils of the past can be cured. Government objections can be satisfied. We still can have Commemorative coins. A new denomination, one that is not popular as a regular medium of exchange, a silver dollar for instance, would be ideal as a Commemorative coin. It is large enough to have a very attractive design.

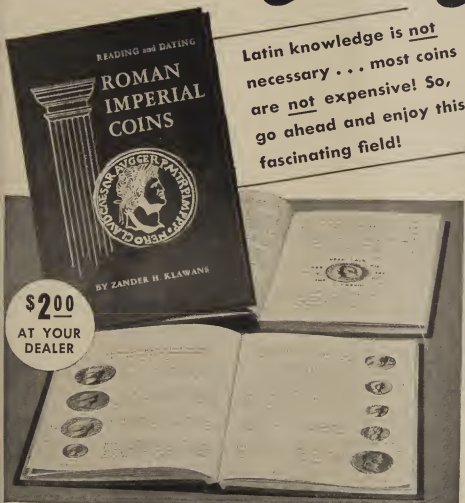
Such a series should be restricted to one issue per year—on Commemoration. It should not be distributed by commissions, but by the mint. The same policy as is now in use for the distribution of proof sets is ideal. As many Commemorative coins as the public orders during the year and none thereafter should be the rule, with the premium to go to the mint. And they should be struck in proof, if possible.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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—Mrs. J. H. C., Illinois

Answer:

It is difficult to identify your coin without seeing a pencil rubbing of it, but I think it is either from Ancient Rome or Byzantium. If it is really gold it is worth a fair premium.

—C. F., New York

Question:

On one side of this coin is: 2 Ore, and a fish with some kind of spray of leaves. On the other is a crown, one CLX, and the date 1874. I am enclosing the copy I made. It's the best I could do with material at hand.

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—E. K., New York

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Would you please identify the enclosed pencil rubbings and their value? I also have an 1877 (s) Trade Dollar (very good to fine condition), and an 1878 (s) (very good to fine condition). Please tell me their value.

—J. K. T., Illinois

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

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—C. F., New York

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—W. H. S., Tennessee

Answer:

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I have heard rumor that they were being recalled but nothing authentic has been released to that extent. There certainly are enough in circulation as yet. As the zinc cents are zinc coated steel, a magnet would attract them and it is possible to withdraw them from other cents in this manner.

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#1180 MERRIAM-TOWNE, Desc. ances, & dates of John (7) Merriam and wife Thelma Towne (born b. 9/2/1813-d. 3/21/1861. John killed by a horse in Redfield, N.Y. c. 1850. Issue: Zimron, Blodgett, b. 1/15/1845 Cobourg, Canada, d. 3/19/14 Watertown, N.Y., a Civil War veteran. Corres. inv. see #1178.

#1181 WOODRUFF-GIBBONS, Want info. on Rebecca (Consoly) Woodruff b. c. 1797 in N.Y. or N.Y. m. first cousin Gibbons 1850. He d. 9/9/1864 aged 78 yrs. 2 mo., 2 days, bur. old cemetery a. of Fostoria, Ohio towards Tiffin. Rebecca bur. when and where? Corres. inv. Mrs. Lloyd Decker, R. 2, Findlay, Ohio. **aj12698**

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BABY ELEPHANT BANK

— UNLOCKS AT X O'CLOCK

By F. H. GRIFFITH

As we reach No. 46 in our listing of the mechanical banks we again come to Charles Bailey and another of his unusual intriguing specimens, namely the Baby Elephant Bank, Unlocks At X O'Clock. This is not only an attractive little bank with unusual action, but also quite rare and hard to find.

The bank was designed and manufactured by Charles Bailey in his shop in Cobalt, Connecticut. This was before he went with the Stevens Company and, of course, these earlier banks that he manufactured on his own are very desirable items. He patented the Baby Elephant Bank November 16, 1880 under No. 234,518. This bank, like in the Chinaman In Boat, is evidence of his meticulous fine pattern work and, like the Chinaman In Boat and Springing Cat, it is made of lead. It also has a wood base plate similar to the Springing Cat.

Bailey must have spent endless hours on the fine detailed work on the four-sided base, top plate, and figures on this bank. On both front and back plate of the bank there is embossed the figure of an elephant holding a baby in its trunk. Right beneath the baby is the head and open mouth of an alligator or crocodile. The elephant is just ready to drop the baby into the open jaws of the ferocious crocodile. In balloon outline type wording, such as used in old cartoons, the baby is saying 'Oh If I Had Only Put Some Money In The Bank.' In back of the elephant is a large floral type plant. The two end base plates show an embossed urn containing foliage. The top of the base is also ornately etched. Along one side edge is the wording 'Baby Elephant Bank.' Along the opposite side edge is 'Unlocks At X O'Clock.' A clock face with Roman numerals is on one end of the top and the hour and minute

hands are in one movable unit. A small elephant is attached to the top at the other end as can be seen in the picture. On one side of the elephant is the word 'Baby' and on the other side appears 'Bout 1.' The tongue and tail of the elephant is a single unit and moves back and forth a short distance through the body of the elephant. In the front legs of the elephant there is a flat outlined piece that fits into a corresponding outlined recess in the top plate. This piece is decorated on the top side, and along the bottom edge has the date November 16, 1880 in very small figures. On the underside of this piece there appears the flat figure of a baby. This baby pivots in the front legs of the elephant and is fastened by means of a brass nail. The hind legs of the elephant also pivot on the base and are fastened the same way. A point of interest is the use of steel wood screws in holding the bank together. Two wood screws that fasten parallel into the side plates hold the four-part base and top together. A single wood screw holds the wood base in place by screwing into the top plate. The elephant is also held together by a single small wood screw. This method of fastening the bank together by using wood screws was also employed by Bailey in making the Chinaman In Boat. The bank shown is in nice condition and was obtained by the writer through the good help of an antique dealer friend located in the Mid-West. His wishes to remain anonymous in this case are recognized as he did not want to offend any of his other bank collector friends and customers. This type of thing has been happening in the bank collecting field more and more since certain banks have become harder and harder to find. This is also true of rarities in other fields of collecting, such as stamps, etc.

The bank is painted as follows: The bottom wood baseplate has yellow edgings. The four sides of the base are a transparent blue, and the entire top is silver. The elephant is a dark gray with red blanket and tongue. The flat figure of the baby has some red clothing on it and the balance is the same transparent blue as the base with the exception of the face, which is silver color with red lips.

To operate the bank the elephant is pushed forward and down onto the base. The back part of the flat baby figure locks under a small brass nail in the base and neatly fits into the formed recess. The small extended piece at the top of the head fits under a niched circular plate that is fastened to the clock hands on the underside of the top base. The hands must be set at X O'Clock in performing the above operation and they are then moved to another position. When the hands are moved back to X O'Clock the elephant rears on its hind legs to the position shown in the picture. At the same time the baby is raised into position. The tail of the elephant comes in contact with the end plate and this moves the tongue forward. This may have been intended to push the baby forward but it usually falls forward anyway. With the elephant and figure in the position shown in the picture a coin slot is exposed that runs the length of the recessed section. Into this slot coins are dropped at will and after so doing the bank is reset for action.

A word or two about the baby and wording 'Bout 1' is in order. This so-called baby is a rather grotesque figure to represent a baby and the same can be said for the figure held in the elephant's trunk on each side plate. However, Bailey in the patent papers covering this bank actually calls the figure a baby. Bailey obviously made this figure grotesque for his own reasons. As to the wording 'Bout 1,' this possibly refers to the baby saving money as being No. 1 in importance early in life. In not saving money, the baby is thrown to the crocodiles. However, the baby is saved by operating the bank to insert money, as the elephant pulls the baby back up. The 'Bout,' of course, being between the baby and the elephant. Bailey apparently felt the object lesson of his bank, with its dire threat, would encourage children to save their money.

The Baby Elephant Bank is a fine hard item to add to a collection and only six or seven specimens are known to exist in some of the larger collections today. It may be of interest to note that the action in exposing the coin slot is somewhat similar to the New Bank, U. S. Bank, and Cupola Bank. The action of these four banks have in common the end result of exposing the coin slot for use.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

Recent proof coins in sets have become such a popular item among collectors that the number being coined is almost unbelievable. A proof set consists of a specimen of each denomination. In other words, of one cent, one nickel, one dime, one quarter, and one half dollar, provided they all were coined that year from the Philadelphia mint.

If there are varieties, a set must contain all. This was the case in 1942, the last year proof sets were coined before the war. During 1942 the alloy of the nickel was changed, and to denote it, a letter P was added to the Jefferson nickel design, so the 1942 proof set has six coins in it, the extra being the second variety of nickel. This is the only year, from 1936 to date, that has more than five pieces in a proof set.

Great care is taken in the striking of proofs, for they are meant to be perfect specimens of our coinage. The blanks are picked out for perfectness and are washed with a solution of Cream of Tartar. After they are rinsed in water, they are dipped in alcohol to remove all impurities.

Special dies are used for the coining of proofs and are polished until they have a mirror-like surface. They are wiped off quite often to keep them in perfect condition. This process enables the mint to produce the high, mirror-like surface proofs have. It also aids in bringing out the tiny, fine lines that do not always appear on uncreulated pieces. When the coins are struck they are not done as fast as the regular issue coins. This also helps the coins to turn out to be near perfect.

Up until 1955, proofs, when coined, were placed in cellophane envelopes at the time of coining to protect them from damage. It is not advisable for collectors to leave these proofs in the cellophane envelopes they come in, for it is a known fact that cellophane is bad for the preservation of the coins.

It does not retard tarnish, and when it dries and becomes brittle, it tends to adhere to the coin and very well might spoil an otherwise superb coin. Last year the mint changed the method of packing. Now a set comes in a sealed plastic package that, up until now, seems to protect the coins better.

From 1936 to 1942 the mint struck proofs as orders. In other words, one could order as many cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, and halves as he wished and make up the sets himself. A set ordered in this manner then

cost \$1.82, plus shipping. This explains why there is not an even amount of proofs of all denominations struck during these years.

With the resumption of proofs in 1950, the mint decided to issue them in sets only, and the price was set at \$2.10, including packing and shipping. From that date on, all proofs for a given year have like quantities for each denomination.

When proofs first came out they were not very popular. As the years went on and more people became interested, the quantities ordered have increased to such an extent as to be astounding. There were only 3837 sets ordered and struck during 1936, 5547 struck in 1937, 8045 struck during 1938, 8795 during 1939, 11,246 in 1940, and 15287 in 1941. The last year before the war 21,120 sets were ordered and delivered.

After a gap of eight years, the 1950 issue received orders of 51,386 sets, 1951 of 57,500 sets, 1952 of 81,980 sets, 1953 of 128,800 sets, 1954 of 233,300 sets, and 1955 the astounding quantity of 378,200 sets. I hear that initial orders for 1956 already are over 77,000 sets. This looks like another record year for these.

Values of these sets are, to a great extent, determined by the quantity coined. Needless to say the 1936 are very rare. Other years vary in value according to their age and rarity. Anyone can secure proof sets from the mint during the year of issue. There is no restriction to the amount one can order.

They are secured by ordering from the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, Penna. You send \$2.10 per set. Do not send checks. Money orders are necessary. At the present time delivery takes about six weeks. Are they a good investment? I think they are, but this must be determined by the number struck.

At the time of writing the valuations listed below reflect the "bid" by dealers, and "ask" by dealers, for all years of proof sets.

	Ask	Bid
1936	\$180.00	over \$200.00
1937	75.00	55.00
1938	45.00	32.00
1939	41.00	30.00
1940	30.00	22.50
1941	25.00	20.00
1942 (6)	25.00	20.00
1950	35.00	27.50
1951	22.50	17.50
1952	12.50	7.50
1953	6.50	4.00
1954	4.50	3.25
1955	3.25	2.50

One can easily see, that, if the above values are any criterion, investment in the proof sets of the past have certainly been profitable. Will the proof sets of the future, with the quantities being ordered, be likewise profitable? Only time will tell.

Proof coins have been known to be struck as early as the first years of our coinage. I do not think they were struck as deliberate "proofs,"

certainly not with the idea of selling them to collectors. It seems to me the very early proofs were the first strikes of a new issue, and being first strikes and nearly perfect specimens, they would be held out for samples, presentations and so forth.

The first real, deliberate proofs were the 1836 Gobrecht dollars and the trial and experimental pieces that began to appear around the same time. These were nearly all patterns but in some cases are accepted today as regular series coins even as the 1856 Flying Eagle cent is.

The first official coinage of proofs for sale to collectors commenced in 1858 and was continued, with increasing popularity, through 1915. Proofs in the olden days could be purchased as one pleased, but the popular manner was in sets. Minor proof sets consisted of all the regular small denominations coins other than silver. These were the most popular. Then came the regular proof sets that contained the minor and all the silver coins in proof. These too, were popular.

Then there were the gold proof sets of which very few were made and, most likely due to their cost, few collectors went for these. This is the reason why proof gold pieces are as valuable as they are today. Many of these found their way into circulation, for the premium paid on proof gold pieces was so small in comparison to their intrinsic value, there was a constant temptation to spend them as the occasion arose.

Early proofs were shipped by the mint in a brown tissue paper and kept in oblong light brown kraft envelopes. While this was not much protection against tarnish, the old proof coins I have seen have stood up remarkably well. The silver showed a tendency to tarnish over the years, but when it did, it tarnished into a beautiful hue, some turning a beautiful purple, others a rich blue.

Funny thing about the cents. Those struck from 1865 through the latter part of the 80's seemed to hold their color remarkably well. But as soon as one examined the Indian heads from 1888 up, the cents were all darkly tarnished. Purples, roses, oranges and rich browns were the colors they turned to. I do not think proofs that have tarnished to such attractive colors should be discounted as against brilliant ones, for they are just as pretty, and, having changed color, they have adopted the permanent tone. This is not the case with brilliant proofs, they can always tarnish and sometimes very disagreeably.

The Sand Blast proofs, from 1909 to 1915, I do not think are very attractive. They are difficult to tell, for there is no mirror-like finish. In fact, the only real way of determining one is by its sharp wire edge and perfect designs. The field on these is always slightly frosty rather than mirror-like.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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—C. H. R., Illinois

Answer:

The difference in figures between the Mint record in 1902 and Yeoman's 9th Edition, 1955, is probably due to the number of coins that have been returned to the mint to be melted.

—C. F., New York

Question:

A customer of our bank has a coin (or medal) which I have been unable to identify from catalogs I have seen. It is apparently gold, slightly smaller than a quarter, obverse has "Queen Victoria" and the legend "Victoria Queen of Great Brit." Reverse pictures St. George and the Dragon, date 1837, and at top "To Hanover."

—F. T. B., Ohio

Answer:

The piece you described in your letter sounds like a brass token, value about 25c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

We have just recently become interested in coin collecting, mainly American coins. In going through some old coins we had, we found a small foreign coin we are unable to identify. I am enclosing a small drawing and would appreciate any information you may be able to give me about country and value, if any.

—Mrs. C. M., Illinois

Answer:

Your coin is a one-sixth skilling bank token of Norway, worth 25c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have read your Quiz Corner in **HOBBIES** Magazine for a long time. What is a gold dollar in good condition, of 1861 worth?

—Dr. H. C. M., Oklahoma

Answer:

Gold dollars are usually found in from fine to very fine condition showing very little wear, if yours is that way its value would be \$5 to a dealer. If it is "good," which is inferior, it would be worth about \$3.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you please identify this coin from my pencil rubbings? The inscription on the front of the coin reads from left to right: Victoria O.G. Britannia Regina F.D.; the numeral on the back under the shield is 1½ and the date 1838.

—B. B., Massachusetts

Answer:

The coin you have is a Maundy money silver one and one half piece coin of Victoria. Its value is around 50c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a five-cent coin which is not in too good shape but I would like to know if it has any value? Enclosed is a pencil rubbing of this coin. The date seems to be 1876. Thanks for any information you can give me.

—O. F. G., Illinois

Answer:

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Question:
I have a few old coins I would like to have evaluated. One very small gold coin, one side stamped with head and 13 stars and dated 1849. Other side stamped California gold 1/2. Size about 1/4". Another coin stamped one side, one Centavo (one cent) Filipinas, also man's seated figure. Other side, United States of America with Eagle and Emblem, 1904. In copper, size of U.S. quarter. One Chinese coin with square hole in center with four Chinese figures or writing, on each side, size one inch, in brass. One Canadian one cent, dated 1888, in copper, size of U.S. quarter. Another Filipinas coin, dated 1904, with Five Centavos on one side with Eagle and Emblem, other side with seated man's figure, size of U.S. five cent, in silver. A piece size about U.S. quar-

ter, with man's head on one side, with name John Deere printed underneath, and above "He gave to the world the steel plow." The other side, printed John Deere, 1837, with plow engraved in middle, then 1937 Centennial. Made of silver color or silver metal. Another gold coin a little smaller than U.S. cent with picture of Ludwig II on one side, with words Koenig V Bayern printed also. Then other side printed Deutsches Reich with Emblem in center with number 10-m printed below and dated 1872. These coins are all in good condition, the last gold coin very good.


—Mrs. R. E., Minnesota

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Bamboula

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A unique discovery in a mechanical bank has recently taken place in the finding of a Bamboula Bank. This bank is unique in that it is the only authentic French made cast iron mechanical bank so far discovered.

The circumstances of the writer obtaining the bank are more or less unusual as is so often the case when a collector is fortunate enough to add a good bank to his collection. To begin with, E. L. Ramsay of York, Pa., obtained the bank some time ago with a large shipment of various antiques imported from France. The bank was then sold (apparently as a Jolly Nigger) at one of Mr. Ramsay's auctions to a Mr. Fulton, also of York. The writer, while attending a recent Eastern auction including some mechanical banks, was having an interesting time of it in conversation with other bank collectors and various dealers, including Frank Whitson of Baltimore, Md. At one point Mr. Whitson asked the writer if he had ever heard of the English-made Bamboozle Bank. That was a new one on the writer and immediate

interest was expressed. To make a longer story short, Mr. Whitson obtained the bank for the writer and it turned out to be Bamboula, not Bamboozle, and French, not English.

As can be seen in the picture the bank resembles and is quite similar to the American-made and English-made Jolly Niggers. There are a number of differences in the casting, however, and the base plate is very unusual with a unique type coin trap. The trap can be operated with a coin or screw driver. It consists of a semi-circular opening in the base with a semi-circular closing plate on the inside. This plate is held in place by a strong spring, also inside the bank. The plate is affixed to a large round slotted knob that is operated from the underside of the base. The knob when turned left or right moves the plate exposing the opening.

The name Bamboula appears in raised letters on the back of the bank as can be seen in the picture. Under the name, depressed in the casting, appears the word 'De-



pose'. This is the French indication of Marque Depose, or a registered trade mark in France. Depose literally means deposited, and this indicates that the mark has been deposited or registered.

The name of the bank has quite an interesting background and is completely of French origin. Bamboula liberally translated means a large crowd and lots of noise. It is a French slang word and originated in North Africa with the Colonial troops of General Bugeaud who conquered Algeria in 1840. It is actually the French spelling of an Arabic word and was brought back to France by the returning troops from Algeria.

The bank shows an interesting amount of usage and age, and while as yet the exact date of manufacture is

unknown to the writer, it was, in his opinion, made in the 1895 to 1910 period.

The operation of the bank is the same as the Jolly Nigger. A coin is placed in the extended right hand, press the lever and the coin is deposited in the mouth as the tongue recedes and the eyes roll upward. The face is painted black with red lips and white teeth, the eyes are white background with black pupils and red iris. The shirt is red and the tie is black.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

With the constantly increasing values of uncirculated coins, it is essential that the serious collector be certain he knows how to determine whether a coin is really uncirculated or not. I shall continue with the list I started several months ago.

Half Dimes of the first type, the Flowing Hair variety are quite often lightly struck and the eagle on reverse frequently has a smooth breast due to this. Slight wear can usually be detected on the highlights of the wreath leaves, top tips of the wings, and sharpness of the edges. The obverse side usually wears first in the hair at and above the temple and the extreme bottom of the bust.

Fillet Head, small eagle, obverse lower part of bust, shoulder and breasts; reverse: eagle's breast, (sometimes lightly struck) upper wing-tips bow at bottom.

Fillet Head, small eagle, obverse same as last; reverse, breast directly above shield in center.

Dimes. Fillet Head, large and small eagle, wear the same as in half dimes.

Bust left, dimes: cheek and lower left hand part of bust, reverse tip of wing at left, raised part above eagle's eye, claws of eagles feet.

Mercury Dimes are rather difficult to detect; obverse, lock of hair at temple, and feathers in center on winged head; reverse, bands that hold the fasces together, particularly the center one.

Roosevelt Dimes: obverse Roosevelt's cheek and jaw bones; reverse, center leaf, lower right hand cluster of left stem; cross bands that are on the torch.

Twenty Cent Pieces: obverse, word "Liberty" on shield, right thigh and side of head; reverse, eagle's breast, over the eye, and left claws.

Quarter Dollars: first type fillet head, hair at temple, cheek, and bust over "7" of date; reverse, small eagle, center of eagle's breast. Second type, obverse same as last; reverse, directly over eagle's eye, and breast above shield.

Half Dollars. First type, Flowing Hair: hair just above temple, then cheek and extreme bottom of bust; reverse, eagle's head, top tips of wings and eagle's breast. Bust right. Second type: hair at temple, cheek and bust over 7 of date; reverse: eagle's breast, ribbon bow, lower leaves left wreath. Fillet Head large eagle. Third type:

eagle's head, ribbon left side and tops of wings, clouds wear, too, but being originally blurry, wear is hard to detect.

Gold Dollars. Type one: small size; obverse, hair at and above ear; reverse, bow-knot at bottom of wreath. Type two, same. Type three, obverse hair at ear, also tips of feather head; reverse, bow-knot at bottom of wreath.

Quarter Eagles. Obverse, forehead, cheek and hair over ear; reverse, eagle's beak, breast above shield.

Bust, left; obverse, turban above word "Liberty"; reverse, above eagle's eye, top of eagle's wings, and claws.

Bust, left without turban: obverse, hair above ear and at base of bust; reverse, eagle's beak, feathers above shield, and top of wing at bend.

Liberty Head Type: obverse, eyebrow, and heavy lock right over ear; reverse, eagle's beak, feathers above shield, top of wing bend.

Indian Head being incised, the field must be examined for tiny hair like scratches on both obverse and reverse, the fact that there is no wear on the incused design does not mean that it is uncirculated for that is the last thing to wear.

Three Dollars Gold. Obverse, hair at temple above eye and over ear; reverse, knot of bow, at bottom of ribbon.

Five Dollars Gold. Obverse, first type obverse 1795-1807, hair at ear and eyebrow; base of bust. Reverse, left leg, eagle's head and neck and tops of wings, large eagle: reverse, head, ribbon over left wing, feathers on breast over shield.

Bust, left, 1807; obverse, cheek, hairlock over last numeral in date; reverse, over eagle's eye on head, left claw, and tops of wings at bend.

Bust, left, new small size (1834); obverse, hair lock before ear and the ear; reverse, head above eagle's eye, top of left wing at bend. Left eagle's claw

Liberty Head Design: eyebrow, protruding ridge of headress above word "Liberty"; reverse, upper beak above eye, feathers on neck. Many half eagles are available with no sign of the above wear at all, but which have many hair-like scratches and tiny nicks from rough handling; these cannot be considered "uncirculated," a

truly uncirculated Liberty Head Five should be free of all minute scratches, and have some original mint bloom.

Indian Head Fives; as was the case with the incused quarter eagles, the field must be examined for minute hair-like scratches. To be uncirculated the coin should be reasonably free of these.

Ten Dollars, Gold; First type bust right, small eagle; obverse, cheek, hair above ear, lower rear of bust; reverse, eagle's breast, neck and beak, tops of wings.

Second type, obverse same; reverse, eagle's breast above shield, beak.

Liberty Head design; there should be no evidence of wear anywhere, but in addition, the coin must be free of the many hair-like scratches both on design and field and edges so common to a great many of this series.

Indian Head design. Obverse, eye brown, lock at temple; reverse, forward tip of left wing, top of head, left leg. This must also be free of the many minute hair-like scratches.

Twenty Dollars, gold, Liberty Head design. Obverse, the word Liberty and the heads above; reverse, eagle's head, top of both ribbons, at each side of shield. These must be free of minute scratches.

St. Gaudens design. Obverse, raised left knee of Liberty; reverse, eagle's breast and top of left wing.

Commemorative gold 1903 Louisiana Purchase--Jefferson; obverse, cheek; reverse, highlights of letters, dates and wreath. McKinley; obverse, cheek and ear.

Lewis and Clark, gold dollars 1904-5. Cheek, nose and eyebrow; reverse, lower part of bust, forehead and hair above.

Panama Pacific gold dollar. Jaw, ear front part of cap; reverse, dolphins.

Panama Pacific \$2.50; obverse, cheek, left arm; reverse, left wing tip, forward breast and head.

McKinley gold dollars. Obverse, forehead and cheek of McKinley; reverse, horizontal and vertical lines in center part of building.

Grant Gold Dollars. Obverse, temple and hair directly behind, cheek and base of bust; reverse, highlights of leaves on trees.

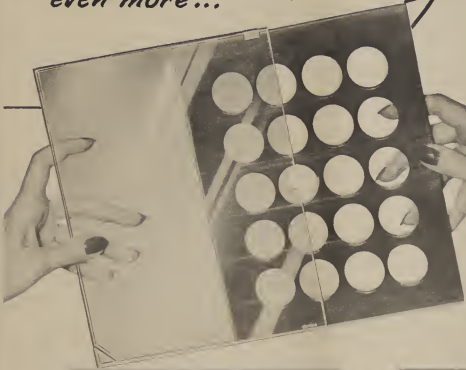
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—D. C., Washington

Answer:

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—J. I., New York

Answer:

The Japanese piece is very recent and of very little value. The 1865 2¢ is worth 10¢, 1853 half cent 50¢, 1853 large cent 35¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing a few pencil shadings. Would like your opinion of these coins. Especially the Bank of England, One Bill Dollar (Silver), King George the III, 1804. Unfortunately it has a hole in it. Evidently has been used as a teaching piece at some time. However, I would like to know what would its possible worth be without a hole in it. The large Queen Victoria one cent, Canada. You really have to see it to evaluate it as far as the dot is concerned. The dot really stands out. What is its possibility, if any? The Dot on the Straits Settlement coins are so perfect, one would think they were among the first few coined.

—M.N. O'C., Michigan

Answer:

The Bank of England dollar of 1804, if in very fine condition, retails for around \$5.00. The hole, of course, ruins its value.

The "dot" on the Canadian cent is most likely a letter "H" which is the mint mark and not unusual.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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—Mrs. P. W., Texas

Answer:

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—B. P., Illinois

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed are the pencil rubbings of a British coin, I think. The obverse is a bust of George III and the reverse is a picture of a woman seated and holding an olive branch in her right hand and a spear in her left. The coin is made of copper. Could you please give me the value and history of the coin?

—J. A., Pennsylvania

Answer:

The coin you have is an English Penny of George III, and is in quite badly worn condition, as such it is only worth 5¢.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing a very poor rubbing of a coin I have found. On the front is a head with helmet or cap. The year 1863. On the back it says "Army and Navy." It is copper but has no denomination printed on it.

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Dance Katie Beardie.

Katie Beardie had a hen;
Cackled but and cackled ben;
Wasna a dentie hen?
Dance Katie Beardie, etc.

Sir Walter Scott knew that "Katie Beardie" was the tune of a dance during the reign of James VI and he introduces it in "The Fortunes of Nigel" but called it "Chrichty Bairdie" which can be traced to Kitty through Kit being the diminutive of Christopher.

"Babbity Bowster" was popular among the children of Glasgow a century ago:
Who learned you to dance?
Babbity Bowster, Babbity Bowster,
Who learned you to dance?
Babbity Bowster brawly.

My Minnie learned me to dance,
Babbity Bowster, Babbity Bowster,
My Minnie learned me to dance,
Babbity Bowster, Babbity Bowster,
etc.

The "Hunting of the Wren" consists of questions and answers repeated five times by various characters starting with "Will ye go to the wood?" "What to do there?" "To slay the wren"; "What way will ye get her home?"; "We'll hire carts and a horse"; "What way will ye get her in?"; "We'll drive down the door cheeks," etc. This song refers to an ancient custom that was popular in Scotland and survived until modern times in the Isle of Man. On St. Stephen's Day, (Dec. 26) the people assembled and carried about a wren tied to a branch of a tree, singing the question and answer song. This custom is believed to have had its origin in an effort of the early Christian missionaries to extinguish a reverence for the wren whom the Druids had taught was the king of birds.

There are a number of old songs associated with old time ceremonies and superstitions which are too long for repeating here among which are "Robin Redbreast's Testament," "The Beggars of Coldingham Fair," "Alken Drum" (a Jacobite song to the tune of "My Love's in German"); "The Yule Days" and "The Song of Numbers."

The so-called myths of the Aryans, based on natural phenomena, which are found in the mythology of the ancient Greeks and Romans came to ancient Britain with the Celts and there are a number of Scotch nursery stories or fairy tales that seem to have an old pagan or heathen origin. Historically some of these old tales are mentioned by name in the "Complaynt of Scotland" (1548) such as "The Red Etin"; "The Black Bull of Norway"; "The Walle at the World's End" and "Pure Tint (Tynt)

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Nursery riddles were also popular in Scotland:

Pease-porridge hot; pease-porridge cold;
Pease-porridge in a caup, nine days old;

Tell me that in four letters!

T-H-A-T

There was a man of Adam's race
He had a certain dwelling place;
It was neither in heaven, earth nor hell—

Tell me where this man did dwell!

JONAH IN THE WHALE

Riddle me, riddle me, rot-tot-rot.
A little wee man in a red, red coat,
A staff in his hand and a stone in his throat,
Riddle me, riddle me, rot-tot-rot.
A CHERRY.

This was shouted at herd-boys in Fifeshire when they did not pay attention to their charges:

Buckalee, buckaloo, buckabonnie,
buckabo,
A fine bait among the corn—
what for no?
A lippie or a peck, a forlot or a bow (boll)

Sorrow break the cher's neck owre a foggie knov.

Which reminds us of:

Little boy blue go blow your horn,
Cows in the meadow, sheep in the corn,
Where is the boy who minds the sheep?

Under the haystack fast asleep.

There are many rhymes which are parts of games that resemble those found in England and recorded in "Mother Goose" such as "The Merry Ma-Tanzie" which most of us have heard as "Here we go round the mulberry bush; "Laidy Queen Ann"; "The Widow of Babylon"; "Hinkum-bobby"; "Carucuddle" and a "A Dis, A Green Grass" (this is much like a "tisket a tasket, a green and yellow basket"). Some of the Scotch games are tableaux or playlets such as "Janet Jo"; "We are Three Brethren come from Spain", etc.

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Them that gat—
Something want—
Sleep, meat or makin' o'

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

There have been a great many regional conventions of coin collectors and coin clubs recently and I have attended quite a few of them. The Central States Numismatic Convention held the latter part of April in Indianapolis, Ind., was a gala affair well attended by collectors and dealers of the Central States area. Many important people in the numismatic world were there from Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, and from many outlying districts. A few came from as far away as California, Florida and the East.

By far the greatest activity was in the buying and selling of recent United States proof sets. One of the enterprising dealers who had a bourse (table to do business) at the convention secured a black board and listed the "buy" and "sell" prices of these sets similar to the manner in which stock market quotations are given. While some thought this was too much like speculation, activity certainly centered around these sets, and they began to rise in price to an astounding degree. By the close of the convention the "bid" prices were as follows: 1936, \$325; 1937, \$95; 1938, \$50; 1939, \$40; 1940, \$33.50; 1941, \$25; 1942, \$25; 1950, \$40; 1951, \$30; 1952, \$21; 1953, \$8.50; 1954, \$5.50; 1955, \$4.25; 1956, \$2.30.

One of the outstanding transactions was the purchase by one man of three 1936 proof sets for \$1,000.

The Auction Sale that always is held at such conventions was conducted by a well-known dealer and was very successful for both buyers and sellers. The banquet was attended by well over 200 and the hotel served an excellent fillet mignon dinner. Entertainment consisted of prizes donated by dealers, an excellent magician, and some very entertaining dancers and musicians. As usual the entire convention was a success.

The following week saw another convention conducted by the Metropolitan Numismatic Association at the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York City. The displays there were wonderful, with the beautiful coin collection of Cardinal Spellman being one of the very best. Again the dealers had their bourses, and activity in buying and selling exceeded all expectation.

The Auction Sale featured one of the finest collections of large cents known in the country and was an excellent success. These rare, beautiful specimens made new record-high prices, for the most part. The chairman had arranged to have the ban-

quet at the Sheraton Astor Hotel. The several hundred in attendance went there in taxis. As was the case in Indianapolis, the food was excellent and prizes and entertainment the best.

The week of May 12th and 13th found the next convention at Albany, N. Y., conducted by the Empire State Numismatic Association. It started with a reception given by the Albany Numismatic Society as hosts to the Empire State Numismatic Association on Friday night, honoring ESNA's first and retiring President, Dr. Kenneth J. Sartoris, well-known numismatist. Among those present was Mayor Erastus B. Corning of Albany. The bourse was well attended by dealers and collectors, many of whom came from a long way off. The convention and banquet were held at the Sheraton Ten Eyck Hotel. Music was the entertainment, also prizes and awards for the displays. The Convention was held during Albany's Tulip Festival and the Tulip Queen visited the convention during the banquet. Mrs. French and I conducted the Auction Sale. It was held both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Around twenty thousand dollars worth of rare coins were sold.

These coin conventions are a great boon to the coin world. As they are spotted all over the country, they enable collectors from everywhere to attend at least one convention, and meet the dealers they have been doing business with through the mail, and vice versa. Any collector is entitled to place on display his coin collection. Convention committees have available excellent cases for this purpose. Collectors not displaying are afforded the opportunity of inspecting many fine collections and rare coins they otherwise would not see. All in all conventions are a good thing for the hobby.

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When you take up a hobby one of two things can happen. Either you possess a hobby, or your hobby possesses you. In one instance you derive pleasure from it; in the other it becomes more or less a business. The collecting of coins, known as numismatics can be either. Naturally coins being in many instances of negotiable value in the amount for which they were issued, there is always the danger of the hobby possessing you rather than you possessing the hobby.

If we approach this subject from the standpoint of the pleasure to be derived, we can place ourselves on a

magic carpet, whisk back through several thousand years, and see a very complete record of the activities of mankind during that time. The student will find written in coins, historical data showing the rise and fall of ancient empires, stories of conquest, defeat, and victory, and the numerous changes in monetary values. Coins present to those who look for it the most complete record of the activities of civilized man, with the exception, perhaps, of the architectural and structural wonders of ancient Greece, Egypt, Rome, and other early civilizations.

Suppose we jump on our carpet and start our journey. Our first stopping place might well be on the Aegina Island, near Athens, in the time about 600 to 700 years B.C. The rulers of this island were among the first to issue silver money. Silver was mined on this island and it naturally became the metal for their coinage. The work was crude and the designs irregular. Their coins carried, among others, a turtle design. Many of these coins exist today, giving us a clue to the history of that time. There are records and specimens of coins from other ancient Greek locations, such as Lydia, Corinth, Athens, and Syracuse. The coins of these cities and states, provinces of early Greece, can be regarded as the start of the use of coins and means of exchange made of metal in our Western Civilization.

Again stepping onto our magic carpet we move through the centuries and come to the historically well known Alexander the Great. His coins show us with great detail just how he looked. Many of his coins are preserved today in perfect condition for the student to study.

Skipping some of the many stops we could make, we take ancient Rome as our next point of interest. To discuss the many beautiful and well designed coins of this ancient Empire is beyond the scope of this paper. We do know of Julius Caesar and the many Roman emperors, some of whom were cruel tyrants while others attempted to exhibit mercy and kindness. These latter usually were very short lived since the conquering tendency of Rome, its emperors and soldiers, was conductive of tyranny rather than kindness. When the disintegration of the Roman Empire began many of the subject nations and countries started issuing their own coins.

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Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I have several coins which I have been unable to identify. I enclose rubbings of two, I would also like to know the value of three other coins. One is a 50¢ piece dated 1881 from Newfoundland. The inscription—"Victoria Dei Gratia Regina." The second coin is also a 50¢ piece dated 1890, from the U. S. On one side is a bust of Liberty facing left with thirteen stars around the edge. On the other side is an eagle. United States of America and E Pluribus Unum are the inscriptions. The third coin is French, dated 1869. On one side is a bust of Napoleon III Empereur. On the other is the Empire Francais, 2 F. and a seal.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I have four coins which I do not know the value of. I would be very grateful if you would find out and let me know.

—P. B. Connecticut

Answer:

The Prince Edwards Island token is so badly worn as to be of no particular value. The Five Franc coin of Napoleon, dated 1811, is worth \$2.50.

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed find a print of a medal or some kind of coin dated 1825 with head of the fifth President, James Monroe. On the other side is a script of Monroe Doctrine. The script on the head side says it's the last of the hat—. Is it of any value, and would you please advise me by mail?

—M. C., New Jersey

Answer:

The coin you have is a token medal of no value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify the coins of which I have made a pencil copy. I would appreciate information concerning their value.

—Mrs. L. E. B., Alabama

Answer:

The pencil rubbings are of Civil War tokens made during the war when currency was scarce. They are worth about 15¢ in good condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Would you send me all the information you have on this coin? It was dug up in my back yard about four feet deep in ground that has not been filled in. The coin was covered with rust-like stuff and when cleaned off was silver but I scraped the side and it came brown. It is in good shape. Was made in 1739 which I think you can read on the imprint. Hope to hear from you soon.

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Question:

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—A. E. D., England

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you tell me something about this coin and value. It is, I think of bronze.

—N. S. D., Jr., Delaware

Answer:

This is an ancient Chinese knife coin valued at around \$5. It is before Christ.

—C. F., New York

"PORTRAITS on COINS EXHIBIT"

A coin exhibition opened at the Newark, N. J., Museum, 43-49 Washington Street, Newark, on April 15 in observance of National Coin Week with the theme "Portraits on Coins."

The coins were selected from the Museum's Frank I. Liveright Collection of over 6,000 coins and features famous personages appearing on European coins from ancient times to the present.

The kings and queens of England, the Louis of France, and such rulers at Ptolemy of Egypt and Napoleon are among the subjects to be shown. Enhancing the exhibit is a group of master prints of the same people mostly obtained from the Cooper Union Museum Collection, the Newark Public Library, Kennedy & Company and E. Weyhe & Company of New York City.

Of particular interest is a self portrait by Albrecht Durer shown with a German coin on which appears the artist's own portrait. The 17th century French artist, Robert Nanteuil, is represented by a print of Louis XIV. There are coins of all denominations in metals from copper to gold.

The exhibition will close in early Fall.

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Queen of Clubs, "Reddin endeavoring to corrupt Capt. Bedlow."

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It is easily seen there is no continuity of story, but by rearranging the different descriptions without regard to the suit or numeral, a story may be arranged that will give an idea of the events. The suit signs have the red hearts and diamonds, otherwise the designs are copper plate engravings, uncolored. The spelling is as on the cards, with few exceptions.

There were a series of the political issues to follow, but the "Horrid Popish Plot" was the first, and had it succeeded, could have had an everlasting effect on England and the World. It cost many lives, but life seemed to be cheap in those times. However, the issue of the cards are a prize that any deck collector is fortunate and happy to obtain, as they are — like most issues of their period — rare and seldom found. But by diligent search and alertness they can be located and are worth the effort.

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THE ORDER OF THE GARTER

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ing on his surcoat and hood 173 gartered. The mantle about this period was of velvet lined with white damask or satin.

During the reign of Edward IV (1461-1483) the surcoat and chapelon were changed from white cloth to purple velvet, and the lining changed from fur to white sarcenet.

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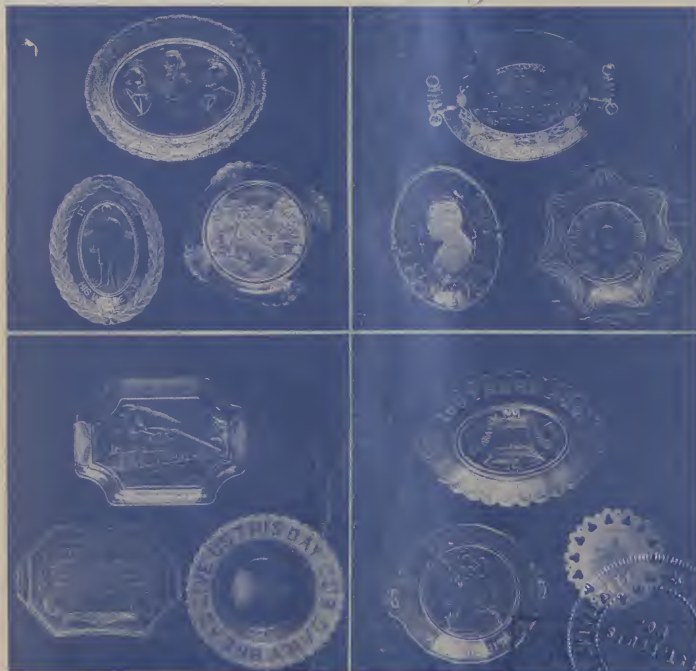
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The bank pictured is from the fine collection of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Roup. It is in good original condition and the paint is practically mint. This bank, along with a Trick Pony, was sold to an antique dealer at an auction near Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Roup purchased both banks from the antique dealer.

The Presto is painted an all over red with all figures and lettering in gold. The viewing section, operating lever, lip on the coin slot, and the base plate are painted black. The paper label on the frosted glass section is dark blue with the operating instructions printed in gold.

The bank has very interesting decorations as can be seen in the pictures which show both sides. People and children are shown in various activities. The verse on the viewing section end is as follows: "We offer aid To all who strive To make one penny Twenty-five". The coin section end of the bank has the name "Presto!" thereon.

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HISTORICAL RECORDS

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minute U.S. Everlastings may be ready in 1957. In the future we hope to be able to index Lambert records, the various English cylinders, Pathé cylinders, and foreign Edison and Columbia records."

To be exact, some minor errors have crept into the listing—oh, such things as an occasional misspelling, an operative extract classified as a selection per se, and other similar trifles. But slight mistakes of this sort are bound to find their way into any pioneering compilation. What's more, these are not always the fault of the author, as old catalogs and labels abound with inaccuracies; and I must confess to many a correction of Mr. Bettini's listings when copying his fabulous catalogs for recent publication in HOBBIES.

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(Continued from last month)

To the East the Holy Roman Byzantine Empire began producing coins, which, in design, were very inferior to the Early Roman. To the West, the influence of the great soldier, Charlemagne, backed by his indomitable will and good intentions as to education, religion, and science fathered the production of coins which even today are still of singular beauty. Many specimens in this series exist in the hands of museums and private collectors.

After Charlemagne, there came a chaotic condition of monetary values. Later as the Provinces, States, and Nations became independent and wealthy enough, they produced their own coinage. As these coins began to circulate it was common to find coins of France, Germany, the Dutch Provinces, Spain, Italy, the Papal States and others in circulation.

The confusion resulting from this great variety of currency can be really understood if we bear in mind that the common or poorer classes of people knew little of the value of money. If they saw any at all it was the minor copper coins.

Later this condition was changed and a rational currency plan was developed by each nation. The result of this was easier intercourse between the financial centers of the various Nations and a definite exchange relationship came into being.

Where does the fun come in finding out all this? Looking up historical facts, dates and other details is no more difficult than doing crossword or jigsaw puzzles. The only difference is that when you have found these facts they are yours for as long as you wish to remember them.

So, having completed a quick trip with the aid of our magic carpet, we step from it into the year 1956 in the U.S.A. Here we find a well-ordered currency in daily use, without confusion. It is understood by small children, who really are the U.S. cent and nickel collectors of the land.

It is astounding the lack of knowledge some people display regarding the value of old coins. If they were selling real estate, or stocks or bonds they would first find out the present value from some responsible source. Then they would secure a buyer at the correct price, preferably placing upon the coins a price that would

be fair to the purchaser as well as the seller.

When it comes to coins, however, people seem to go haywire. An old collector who has been operating a grocery store for decades, and collecting coins, really in a systematic manner, having enough knowledge to go after rarities, was recently visited by one of our many traveling "pickers" of coins.

After some conversation, this grocer brought out a ROLL of FIFTY Brilliant Uncirculated 1909s VDB Cents, retailing now at from \$37.50 to \$40 per cent. The visitor asked how much the grocer wanted for the roll. The grocer got out a coin book about 35 years old and noted that the cents listed in it at \$2.00 each. He said, "They must have gone up some since then. Suppose you pay me \$4 each?" So, he received \$200 for what any legitimate dealer would have gladly paid \$1500. This is exactly as the story was told to me by the purchaser.

There have been several instances where, a few years ago, traveling purchasers would come across gold coins in the house they visited, appear suspicious, inform the owner that it was against the law to have them, and then buy the gold pieces on the "hush" for HALF of face value. Buying twenty dollar gold pieces for ten dollars when they are worth a good premium over the twenty is certainly not losing any money—or giving the seller any break. I know of \$500 worth of rare gold coins that were purchased in this manner.

Then there was the collection of around 100 gold Fifty Dollar slugs that were purchased at \$75 each. They retail from \$500 to \$2500 each. This occurred several years ago.

On the other hand, the refusal to sell or just not trust anyone can be exasperating to a legitimate dealer. There was a collector who commenced accumulating rolls of uncirculated coins from all mints as early as 1910. Every year he diligently sent away

to get them, complete, all denominations.

We understand that the collector died in 1927 and the practice of sending away for the rolls was continued by his two sisters, at least until 1940. The value of such a hoard would be almost uncountable.

A friend collector who once saw part of the hoard relates how some of the rolls were broken open. He saw, tumbled out, forty gem uncirculated 1921s nickels (catalogue \$60 apiece) and 1919s laying there, forty of them, all beautiful (catalogue \$100 apiece).

Today, I understand, the coins will not be shown, are not for sale, and no acknowledgement of their existence is made. BUT, this is in a small town, and occasionally, perfect, uncirculated pieces turn up in change at the local stores. Rumor has it, that some closely related teenagers, ignorant of the coins' values have been "raiding" the hoard quietly to get pocket change.

So it goes. To the non-collecting public, the feeling still persists that a coin has to be all battered and worn, and very old to be of value. The opposite is the case.

The rarest coins are from 1916 up, not 1916 back, particularly in gem condition. Sometimes we have the extreme where someone owns a battered old coin, and, because it is old, expects a fabulous price. I had a woman write me after a column I wrote on coin weights. She said she had a weight set that was very old. Her description indicated it was very old and scarce and her records said it had sold for around \$100 for the set. I wrote and inquired how much she wanted for the set. She replied \$5000. That's like asking \$10,000 for a broken down second hand car!



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THE GENERAL

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His collection runs the gamut from knights to spacemen and is a virtual United Nations with all countries in the world represented in his collection. Commanding officers of the world's leading military units have a showcase of their own.

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Patterson admits that hardly a day goes by that he doesn't check downtown and neighborhood stores for new shipments. At many stores he is permitted to look into the stockroom at new arrivals before they are placed on public sale.

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Sometimes missing arms must be molded or heads replaced. He does this by molding putty, metal or sometimes taking parts from soldiers that are just beyond restoration.

Patterson has his own reveille about seven each morning. Then he has breakfast and turns to an eight hour day with his men before leaving for his job as a downtown theatre captain.

His day with the troops is spent in many ways. Painting, dusting, re-aligning, thinking up new formations and parades, building show and display cases and communicating with other dealers, collectors and Britains Ltd., for leads on where he can draft more men are all daily duties.

At the moment he is searching for another 140 ski troops to bring his winter unit up to force.

Invasion from another collector's army does not worry Patterson. In fact, he dreads but two things: the day, when and if, he ever has to move, and a severe earthquake.

During a sharp San Francisco jolt last October, Patterson's army suffered one casualty. An Irish Free State Trooper toppled over, but fortunately did not cause a duck pin reaction in the tightly packed ranks.

He was holding that table steady during the entire quake, just hoping. It felt to me as though it lasted hours."

When he orders a parade, Patterson musters his men for a month, lining up regiment after regiment in columns that he aligns with a ruler. Each unit of men is marked with a small placard identifying it.

He sometimes doesn't move them again for two or three months, and they only to arrange them for a new review or inspection.

A quarterly maneuver for Patterson is what he calls a "troop movement." He loads his entire army into nearly a thousand trucks packs the artillery and heavier equipment into Lionel flat cars and box cars pulled by Army Transport engines, and sets off for the living room to re-locate. Once unloaded, he breaks camp and returns his troops to the garrison life of the table top. The train is re-routed underneath the table.

And as any general, Patterson has his favorite unit, the Royal Band and Royal Guard which accompanied the Coronation march. The set of seventy-five men, complete with fur headpiece, traditional of the guard, is valued at nearly \$100. Few sets were made and they are rare.

Next he prizes his 150 United States Marines.

Other favorites include United States Military Police, Italian Carabinieri troops, Royal Scots of the Royal regiment and a group of Russian infantrymen.

But Patterson sums it up in Regular Army tones when he says:

"When you have good men it is difficult to single out one group and say they are better than the next. I am proud of them all."

What about Patterson, did he ever soldier himself?

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The Light of Asia, a dual purpose mechanical bank, is our choice as No. 49 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This bank is not only a child's savings device, but it also served as a pull toy. A string could be attached to the front of the platform to pull the toy around or it could be pushed around by hand. Two other mechanical banks of similar purpose are known to exist, the Motor Bank and Jumbo. The Motor Bank has already been covered some time ago in the articles and the Jumbo, while very much like Light of Asia, is not nearly as rare.

So far there is no existent information as to who designed or made Light of Asia. It has the distinctive desirable type of so-called heart wheels which were used on a number of the different type animated bell ringing pull toys. However, this does not lead us to any specific manufacturer as a number of the companies used the heart wheels, including Stevens. Some characteristics of the bank indicate Stevens and others are indicative of Kyser & Rex. There are no markings on the bank, no dates, and no patent papers have turned up so far,

nor have any old catalogs been found with information or pictures of the bank. The date of the bank, however, can be pretty well established as during the early 1880's.

A poem, "The Light of Asia," was written by Sir Edwin Arnold and published in 1879. The poem, "The Light of Asia," also called 'The Great Renunciation,' concerned the life and teaching of Gautama, Prince of India and founder of Buddhism. The poem, as told by an imaginary Indian Buddhist, is in verse form. After the publication of his poem Buddhism took quite a hold in our country, and as a matter of fact actually became fashionable in the period of the early 1880's. In 1885 S. H. Kellogg, D.D., who for a time was Professor at the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, wrote a book called "The Light of Asia and The Light of the World." This was a comparison of the legend, the doctrine, and the ethics of the Buddha with the story, the doctrine, and the ethics of Christ. According to Kellogg, Arnold presented the Buddha and his religion to the English reading public in such an attractive guise that often, quite unexpectedly to the individuals themselves, they had awakened in their minds a surprising interest in this "venerable religion." Kellogg wrote his Light of Asia, of course, to combat the effects of Edwin Arnold's Light of Asia. Obviously the name of the bank was taken directly from the poem written by Sir Arnold and logically it was made in the period of the poem's popularity which was the early 1880's.

It is the writer's opinion that the Jumbo Bank is a later altered edition of the Light of Asia, the name being changed to Jumbo to coincide with F. T. Barrum and his acquiring Jumbo from the London Zoological Gardens in 1882 for exhibition purposes. It is, of course, possible that both banks were made simultaneously and perhaps some proof one way or the other will turn up in the future.

Another point of interest has to do with the type elephant used on the Light of Asia. This is definitely an Asiatic elephant with the smooth trunk lacking the transverse ridges and grooves always found on the African type. Also it is tuskless which is indicative of Asiatic elephants, and particularly those in Ceylon. The shape of the head, which does not slant down from an arching back like the African elephant, is also definitely Asiatic.

The bank shown was obtained by the writer through the good help of Mr. Raymond F. Long of Pearl, Illinois. Mr. Long in turn had acquired the bank from Mr. G. E. Swope near Kewanee, Illinois. Mr. Swope informed Mr. Long that the bank had been in his family over 70 years which would place it prior to 1885.



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Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

The Guide Book of United States Coins by R. S. Yeoman, is unquestionably, one of the leading numismatic books today. (\$1.75 plus postage at any dealers) It has become the Bible of the Numismatic World and the 10th edition for 1957 has recently been released.

Known as the Red Book, prices of this edition are up for every United States coin. This is not surprising, for sales records the past few months have indicated that the old Red Book was becoming obsolete.

Well known rarities have taken quite a jump. The 1856 flying eagle cent in the 9th edition in good condition catalogued at \$325. The new edition has placed the valuation at \$425. A new listing is the 1868 over 1869 Indian Head cent with a valuation in uncirculated condition at \$70. The 1877 cent in proof rose from \$85 to \$100; 1909S Indian Head from \$42.50 to \$50 uncirculated; 1914 D Lincoln cent, uncirculated, from \$80 to \$110; 1909 S VDB Lincoln cent, uncirculated, from \$30 to \$40.

United States proof sets have been rising in value so rapidly the new edition is already obsolete, listing the 1936 proof sets at \$275 when they already are selling for \$475. Similar situations are evident on most all the proof sets from 1936 on up to 1956. In some instances, gold coins indicate a rise, but for the most part have been catalogued at prices listed in the 9th edition.

We wonder how high coin prices will rise! Coin values have been soaring for many years without any sign of a halt, and many feel that lots of coins are at present priced way too high, but who can say that is a fact? We must not forget that America's population today is far greater than it ever was and it has been estimated that 500 new collectors are coming into the numismatic world every month. There are no more coins being added to take the place of the increasing demands. There are undoubtedly millions of

stamp collectors and there is no reason why ultimately there will not be millions of coin collectors and should this come to pass, there most certainly will not be enough rare coins to meet the ever increasing demand.

Outstanding rarities in the philatelic world bring fabulous prices, far more than similar rarities in the numismatic world. Some rare stamps run in value to \$100,000 and more, but the record for any coin has not been much over \$25,000 and it is believed by many that these great rarities of the numismatic field will some day be worth just as much as the philatelic ones. I believe this is one of the reasons why celebrated rarities and difficult-to-get-coins are being bought up at high prices by dealers, who believe that in the future their value will far exceed present day values.

Rare coins have become so difficult to obtain, that a great many dealers have been buying them at full catalog, and in some instances over catalog, just to have them on hand. The present practice seems to be to purchase these at top prices today, hold them a year or two and sell them, profiting by the increase in value. This makes it increasingly difficult for collectors to secure choice material at bargain prices, for the dealers "bid" is always there at a top value. As long as this goes on and new collectors enter the field, coins will rise in value. The day of purchasing choice material at discount under catalog is fast disappearing.

The celebrated 1913 Liberty head nickel of which there were five in existence in proof condition, listed at \$6500 in the 9th edition of the Guide book, is listed at \$7000 in the 10th edition, an increase of \$500 in one year. This is a fair return to the owners of these rare pieces. I wouldn't be surprised if this nickel might sell as high as \$10,000 in the next two years, and in time hit the astronomical heights of some of the rare stamps. Reason? If you were to look up the

present owners and offer them full catalog \$7000 for one nickel right now, I doubt if you would be able to purchase one at that price, for they, too anticipate a rise.

Another celebrated rarity is the 1804 silver dollar. Specimens of this dollar have sold from \$3125 on up to \$12,500, but none have been offered for many years. I would be very much surprised if the next price realized for this great rarity was not in the \$25,000 bracket.

Due to the present day new inventions and means of locating metals more and more of the many treasures that have been lost centuries ago, are being recovered. This, to the numismatic world means that more and more old and rare foreign coins are coming to light again. With the new aids, more and more persons are becoming interested in the fascinating hobby of hunting treasure. A great many disappointments await some, but some lucky ones will be well rewarded. Treasure, does not necessarily have to be at the bottom of the sea. Wars, uncertain times, lack of transportation, and many other reasons cause the hiding of valuables. The West, with its Gold Rush days; the North and South during the Civil War, our whole country, wherever armies went during the French and Indian, and then again the Revolutionary wars are possible locations for buried treasure. It might be in fields, in mountains, or in old cellars or attics. Most usual thing our ancestors did was to go out either into their barn or into a field and simply bury their valuables. Old wells were used sometimes, too.

Perhaps we should do like the uranium fans, get a detector and start hunting.



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Answer:

A complete Lincoln head cent collection with all branch mint coins in fine condition would be worth between \$15 and \$25 depending how sold.

—C. F., New York

Question:

When our infant nation was being born, we cut or shaved gold and silver from existing coins to reprocess into other coins—a "Rob Peter" and "Pay Paul" sort of economy. I want a "brief" of that legend with permission to cite you as my source, or a reference to find it. "1794, March 3, The Bank of Alexandria (whatever that was), rec'd of the Treasurer of the State of Virginia, of Major Pryor, Seventy-four thousand nine hundred and thirty-three penny weights, eighteen Grs. Cut silver & five Hundred nineteen penny weights & six Grs. German Gold . . . etc." This Major Pryor was named John; it is my belief that he was the son of Ann Bland, daughter of Richard Bland. My source, Calender of Va. State Papers, Vol. 7, p. 60. Thus, you see, I have the "tail" but cannot find a DOG to WAG it. I do hope you will have the answer.

—V. P. C., Texas

Answer:

I do not believe there was ever any legal authority authorizing the "cutting or shaving" of existing gold and silver coins in circulation, in the early days of our country. I have never heard or read of it. Coins have been known to be cut, shaved shaken in a bag, sweated to obtain the little bit of metal, but never legally. It was only done by unscrupulous persons. In the early days of America, prior to 1857, coins of all nations were accepted at par with the few then existing American coins in circulation and a great many of these became terribly worn, so much so as to be hardly readable. It is possible that such pieces, being retired from circulation would be cut

up for cancellation and then melted down. It is also possible that your reference pertains to metal from sources other than coins. The fact that the transaction was conducted by the state of Virginia indicates this, for all transactions pertaining to coinages were done by the Federal Government or Continental Congress at the time.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please let me know what kind of a coin this is and if it has any value.

—J. S., New York

Answer:

I believe the coin is made of brass, and is a medal of Louis XIV of France and Maria Theresa, (Austria). If so, it is not valuable.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am again calling on you for help in classifying a coin. This was in a lot of coins offered to me the other day. I would like to know what is its country. Also would like to know what I should pay the owner — (for resale). It is silver. Enclosed is rubbing of coin. The condition, very good.

—P.A.P., New York.

Answer:

The coin is an "Ecu" of Louis, probably XVI, as can be detected by the roman numeral after "LUD" for this does not show on the pencil rubbing. He was king of France and Navarre. If fine condition you should sell it for around \$4 to \$5.

—C. F., New York

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Wimbledon Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Mechanical banks that were made in England comprise an interesting group of specimens to challenge a collector. As we reach No. 50 in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks we have our first English made bank of the series, namely the Wimbledon Bank. The bank is not only an attractive rare item, but it is believed to be the earliest known mechanical bank manufactured in England.

The date of the registration of the bank is September 21, 1885, and it was made by John Harper & Company, an old line English foundry who were an active factor in their field. They made a number of different mechanical banks, but details on these and the Company itself will be covered in the future by a special article.

The bank pictured is from the fine, extensive collection of Andrew Emerine, one of the earlier collectors of mechanical banks. Mr. Emerine purchased the bank in 1939 from E. R. Harvey, a Norwich, England, antique dealer. Mr. Harvey in turn had obtained the bank from an individual who had owned it for approximately 36 years. This original owner had 12 to 14 mechanical banks that he purchased in 1903 from an old, established, wholesale toy warehouse in London. Some of these banks were old stock even at the time he purchased them in 1903. He was a mechanical toy dealer and the banks interested him so he held on to them until 1915, at which time they were all lent out to local banks for the purpose of

raising funds for the Belgian Refugees Fund. A few years after this a persistent individual managed to purchase a 'Spise a Mule' from him. However, he apparently regretted letting it go and the longer he kept the remainder the less he was inclined to sell any others. Eventually, he let others go and finally Mr. Harvey purchased the Wimbledon Bank, John Bull Money Box, Grenadier Bank, Hoop-La Bank, and the Tank and Cannon. This was done over a period of time and the banks were purchased one at a time. Mr. Emerine was fortunate in being able to obtain all five of these banks from Mr. Harvey. Their condition is, of course, exceptionally good due to the unusual circumstances of their never having been in active circulation.

The Wimbledon is quite attractively painted. The base is green and the brown fort has the flag in red with a black cross on white ground. The prone soldier's hat and trousers are in black trimmed with yellow. His jacket is pink with yellow cuffs and collar. The gun he is holding is black.

To operate the bank the gun is first set to fire as shown in the picture. In setting the spring operated mechanism the head of the soldier tilts slightly forward as though taking aim. A penny is then placed on the gun as shown. A small lever is then pressed and the coin is fired into the fort as the soldier snaps his head back into position.

The name Wimbledon Bank, which appears inscribed on the base, has a definite connection with the subject and action of the bank. The National Rifle Association was formed in 1860 and incorporated by Royal Charter 25 in November of 1890. The first meeting was held on Wimbledon Common in 1860 and frequent subsequent meetings were held in Wimbledon over a period of 30 years. These meetings included competition with other countries and the Queen's Trophy was a coveted prize awarded by Queen Victoria. This was an annual award and in later years it became the King's Trophy. Space and safety eventually were the motivating factors that caused the Association to move to Bisley in July, 1890. In addition to the Rifle Association and its connections with Wimbledon, there also existed the Second Wimbledon Volunteers Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment.

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Numismatics

Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

The Maundy Money sets of England are unique in numismatic history. Records indicate that the practice of giving out Maundy coins commenced under the rule of Edward II who ruled from AD1307 to AD1327. Maundy gifts are first mentioned under his reign.

On the day preceding the first good Friday, Jesus Christ washed the feet of his Disciples and commanded them to do likewise. Therefore the day is called Maundy Thursday. This custom of washing feet was quite common in Medieval times, being constantly practised by royalty, nobles, and the clergy, usually on the poor. Gradually the practice of giving gifts of food and silver pennies to those whose feet were washed became prevalent. Today, the English rulers still give out Maundy coins; they do not, however, wash the feet of the poor any more. James II was the last on record to resort to this practice. Around 1662, with the coining of money greatly changed due to the newly invented mill presses, coins of baser value than the sixpence ceased to be made of silver for general circulation. Groats, threepence, half groats and pennies were still struck but for Maundy distribution only.

The ceremony of giving out Maundy coins consisted of a divine service attended by poor men and women. The number of each was to equal the age of the sovereign. Bread, meat and fish were distributed in large wooden bowls, and a procession was formed by the ruling monarch's deputy, with other officers who wore white scarfs and sashes. They carried a large, gold dish upon which there was placed red and white kid bags containing the Maundy money. One of these bags was presented to the person selected to receive the royal bounty. The amount being one penny for each year of the king's age.

There is some question as to whether all silver pieces of smaller denomination than the sixpence were struck for Maundy money purposes.

Up until 1729 or 1731, the penny was the only coin struck and given out for Maundy purposes; after that date 4 pence, 3 pence and 2 pence pieces were also given out.

All four denominations have ceased to circulate as currency. While the Maundy coins are legal tender and have a right to pass in circulation, they rarely do so.

Today, it is generally conceded that the term Maundy money should apply to the 4d, 3d, 2d, and 1d silver coins struck and given out from the time of George II.

These small silver pieces are of great interest to British collectors, and while they are not high priced, or rare, for the most part, they make a very worthwhile collection. Maundy sets have been available for many years. They come in fine velvet lined cases with the year of issue upon them.

During the reign of George II, Maundy pieces were coined in 1729, 1731, 1732, 1735, 1737, 1739, 1740, 1743, 1746, and 1760, in all denominations, also twopence and penny in 1756 and 1759, and the penny only in 1750, 1752, 1755, 1757 and 1758.

George III. All values in 1763, 1766, 1772, 1780, 1784, 1786, 1792, 1795, 1800, 1817, 1818, 1820; 4d, 3d, 2d in 1765; 4d, 3d, 1d, 1770; 4d, 2d, 1d, 1776; 3d only 1762; penny only, 1779, 1781.

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During recent years Maundy sets are issued regularly every year.

Their constancy of issue, low face

value, attractive packaging are the main factors leading to their popularity in England. It is surprising more interest has not been shown in these interesting sets on the part of American collectors.

—o—
There has been considerable agitation for the past several years to change our paper money considerably. It is contended that, were our bills to be identified by color, error in making change would be reduced. According to those for the system, for instance, if one dollar bills were green, two's, blue, five's, red etc., etc., error and altering (although the latter is very difficult today) would be reduced. While such a new series would also make our currency much more attractive to look upon, so far the proposals have not met with any success. Most likely due to the extra work such varieties would cause the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

As was the case when our paper money was reduced in size, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is constantly on the lookout for ways to reduce expenses and improve our currency.

At the present time, considerable attention is being given to experimentation with a new Nylon which will not be woven, but be in the form of paper. Should this new system be perfected, we may find, in the not too far future, our "paper" money being printed on "Nylon" paper which, it is said will have a life five times longer than our present currency. Only time will tell, but it is easy to see that prolonging the life of our currency in circulation five times longer would certainly be a great saving and easing of pressure upon the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.



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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

I recently acquired some coins from my father's estate. Not knowing anything about numismatics and being a subscriber to HOBBIES I decided to write you. Will you tell me if these I list have any value?

—Mrs. J. R. L., Iowa

Answer:

In looking over your list of foreign coins, I find none of any great value. They range mostly from 1¢ to 5¢ each with a couple worth 25¢ each.

The condition and variety of the gold and other U. S. pieces determine their value. There are two varieties of the 1870 \$3. gold piece; one is worth \$17.50 in very fine condition, but if the 1870 has an S on the reverse it would be a very rare coin.

Same with the 1911 \$2.50. If it has a small D on the reverse it would be worth \$5 in fine or better condition.

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1853 California gold, round, v. f. 1856 California gold, round, doesn't have the denomination on it but size of ½ dollar gold, unc. 1915 California gold, bear and words Eureka, v. f. 1914 Idaho gold, front Indian Head, reverse mountains and sun and words, "Esto Perpetua," unc. 1854 California gold octagonal, "N" under wreath on reverse, v. f. 1911 Alaskan gold Eskimo on front, sunset on reverse, says "½" on reverse, round, very fine. 1857 California gold, face on front, wreath on reverse, octagonal, 1900 California gold Indian Head front, bear reverse, no words, unc. 1914 Oregon gold, reverse has shield, plow and shock of wheat, Indian Head front, round, unc. 1853 California gold, round, fan on front, wreath on back, v. f. 1904 Louisiana gold, round, v. g. 1857 California gold, octagonal, fan and wreath, v. f. Twenty-five cent gold pieces: 1915, 25¢ California gold, Eureka and bear on reverse, o.c., good. 1911 25¢ Alaska gold, Eskimo front, sunset on reverse, round, v. f. 1950 California gold, Indian Head on front, wreath on back, no denomination, but a dollar size. 1902 Alaskan gold, Indian Head, two of these, on front v. f. 1914 Montana gold, Indian Head front, reverse mountains with sun, letters Oro 1 Plata, unc. 1865 California gold, two of these, woman's face on front, wreath on reverse, octagonal 1849 California gold, round, bear on reverse, woman on front, v. fine.

—L. A. K., Illinois

Answer:

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50¢ Gold: 1857, \$2; 1899 Alaska, \$1.75; 1853 Cal. \$2; 1856 Cal. probably charm; 1915 Cal. charm; 1914 Idaho, \$4; 1854 Cal. \$2; 1911 Alaska, \$4; 1857 Cal. \$2; 1900 Cal. charm; 1914 Ore., \$4; 1853 Cal., \$2.50; 1904 La., gold, \$3; 1857 Cal., \$2.

25¢ Gold: 1915 Cal. charm; 1911 Alaska, \$3; 1856 Cal. charm; 1902 Alaska, \$3.50; 1901 Cal. charm; 1914 Mont., \$10; 1865 Cal. \$2. ea.; 1849 Cal. \$2.

The charms are jewelers' pieces and of little value usually. Genuine California gold coins can be detected by the fact that they always have their denomination upon them. Genuines should be carefully checked as there are a great many counterfeits about. Nitric acid on high spots or worn edges will show this up.

—C. F., New York

Question:

During March and April, 1954, Miss Catherine C. Maull, who was curator of the Zwaanendael Museum at that time, corresponded with you about coins found on "Coin Beach" near Indian River Inlet, south of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; and then you published a very interesting article in the June, 1954, issue of HOBBIES Magazine about wrecks and buried treasures on our shores, entitled "Money of Yesteryear." For several years the coins have been very scarce on "Coin Beach" and very few have been found even after a severe storm.

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We had almost come to the conclusion that the wreck of the Faithful Steward had given up most of its treasure. However, during the past few weeks, after high winds and storms, beachcombers have again found coins in large numbers. One theory is that the coins were probably packed in chests and are washed ashore in great numbers when the chests are broken up. Most of the coins found were the copper halfpence, dated 1740 to 1776, having the profile of George II or George III on the obverse and either "Liberty" or a harp and "Britannia" or "Hibernia" on the reverse.

One beautiful, almost perfect gold coin was found, however, and brought into the Museum for exhibit. On the obverse is the profile of George III and the inscription "Georgius III Dei Gratia." On the reverse is the coat of arms of Great Britain and "1775 M.B.F. Et H. Rex F.D.B. Et L.D.S.R.I.A.T. Et E." We are enclosing a rubbing. Can you tell us the name and value of this coin and the meaning of the letters on the reverse? Several coins were found which were similar in design to the usual copper halfpence, but the color of the metal was lighter. Could these be bronze coins?

—D. L. G., Delaware

Answer:

The gold coin is a Rose guinea and worth about \$15. to \$20. The meaning of the letters on the obverse is as follows: "Geo. III by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Duke of Brunswick, Lunenburg, of the Sacred Roman Empire Arch-Treasurer and Elector."

The other coins are probably copper but due to exposure have probably turned a different color.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed please find the rubbings from a Chinese coin. Please send me any information you have on it. Both are copies of the same coin. Please tell me the approximate amount of money in actual cash I would receive from a coin dealer if I were to sell this coin.

—Mrs. S. A. N., Florida

Answer:

This piece is not a coin but some kind of a token and of no numismatic value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Could you please give me the following information? I would like to know the value, if any, of a 50¢ piece of Confederate paper money, State of North Carolina, dated, Raleigh, January 1, 1863.

—Mrs. M. K. A., California

Answer:

The 50¢ Confederate note is worth about 25¢ in fine condition.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I recently picked up a bronze coin about the size of our quarter. On one side is the picture of Ulysses S. Grant. On the other side is this writing: "Struck and distributed in the Municipal Parade.—By the Employees of the U. S. Mint, Phila., Dec. 16, 1879." One side has the shield on it, and in the upper part of the shield is a picture of a plow. In the bottom of the shield is a picture of a ship and above is a picture of the Scales of Justice. On each side of the shield is a picture of a lady. There is some writing under the shield but I cannot make it out very well. The last word seems to be Manfield. About what is this piece worth?

—G. M., California

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Football Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



The Football Bank, another English made mechanical bank, is our choice as No. 51 in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This is an attractive bank with its sporting subject and quite scarce even though there were apparently a considerable number of them manufactured.

The bank was made by the English concern, John Harper & Company, who also made the Wimbledon Bank and the well known Dinah Bank. Harper was active in the mechanical bank field and turned out a number of interesting desirable specimens in addition to the above mentioned banks.

The Football Bank is a registered item, and while intended as a toy savings device, it was apparently also sold to various Clubs. The bank is shown in one of the old Harper catalogs and the statement is made that it could be "Supplied In Club Colours For Orders Of Six Dozen Or More." This would indicate that the bank was possibly used as a trophy or prize among certain English clubs or as a gift to members with the respective club colors on the bank.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of L. C. Hegarty, an enthusiastic mechanical bank collector. He obtained it some years ago from an Eastern antique dealer who in turn had found it in England. The bank is in fine completely original condition with no repairs and excellent paint.

The bank is painted as follows: The base is entirely green simulating a field with grass-like indentations in the casting. The name "Football Bank" appears on the base in raised letters and these are gold in color. The

shed-like structure, properly called basket, on the end of the bank is an overall brown. This has diamond shaped grillwork in the back. The rear corners have oval perforations in the casting and the sides are a herringbone type pattern. The top is lattice-like slots. There is a white goal post on each side of the front with a cross-piece at the top also painted white. The front of the basket is a woven lattice effect with diamond shaped openings alternately painted reddish-maroon and white. The coin holder just in front of the figure is brown. The figure of the player has brown shoes, black socks, and white trunks. He has a turtle neck sweater in reddish-brown with blue sleeves and collar. His hair is black and the facial features are fine and distinct.

The bank operates as follows: A coin is placed in position in the coin holder, then the player's right leg is pulled back into kicking position where it is held in place by the operating lever. On pressing the lever the player kicks the coin into the opening between the goal posts on the basket. A screw on the underside of the base allows the basket to raise for removal of coins.

A point of interest is in the figure of the player being made of brass, as is the operating lever. The rest of the bank is cast iron. In making the figure in brass the manufacturer undoubtedly felt that this metal would stand certain strains in the kicking action better than cast iron.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Accuracy is imperative, for the printing of such a catalog is quite expensive. If we err, the successful bidder will most assuredly return the incorrect lot, and rightly so. But this means the lot has been unsold, and printing costs upon it still have to be paid. Therefore we are careful and conservative, as much as is humanly possible. It takes a considerable time to complete a sales catalog; it takes at least a month for the printer to linotype the catalog, print it, and send it out, (we, of course do the addressing in our office).

In the right hand column, it has been our practice to place an estimated valuation of each lot, but since several months elapse between cataloging and getting the catalog into the hands of the bidders, present day rapid price rises of many items are making these estimates too low. We have endeavored to offset this by making a note of it in our "terms of sale" in the forward part of the catalog.

We wonder how long this price rise will continue? We do not believe anything like it has ever occurred in the history of Numismatics. All coins of any Numismatic interest are rising by leaps and bounds. There are some dealers that at present will purchase choice proofs at full catalog, knowing that simply by holding them a couple of years, they will rise in value to a point where a nice profit can be realized. And we all know that choice proofs are one of the most desirable types of coins one can have. With such a situation, it is hard for Mr. Collector to secure such coins without paying top dollar in the market of today, but then, if he does, it is pretty certain that he will be able

to realize a handsome profit on them in a very few years, having had the enjoyment of the coins in the meantime.

There are those who feel that celebrated great rarities are still, very low in value. They give, as an example, the prices realized for rare paintings, objects of art, and stamps in comparison to similarly rare coins. Should this be the case, even the rarest coins should be selling for ten times what they are today. The celebrated 1804 dollar which records, at the present time a valuation of \$12,500, if put up for sale today should bring a good deal more than that and if compared to stamps of similar rarity, could very well reach a valuation of \$125,000. There are only four varieties of the gold pattern \$4 "Stella." The commonest 1879 with flowing hair records 415 pieces coined and at present catalogs at \$1,050, in proof condition, of course. But the 1879 variety with coiled hair of which there were only ten coined, the 1880 with flowing hair of which there were fifteen coined and the 1880 coiled hair of which there were only ten coined catalog at \$1,750, \$1,400, and \$1,850 respectively. It is easy to see that these three last excessively rare varieties would be better priced at ten times that amount. The recorded quantities of each of these makes them as rare as the afore mentioned 1804 dollar.

When one examines past records of the auction sales that contained great rarities, it can be seen that such coins consistently rise in value and it is my opinion that the fact that they have not come up for sale in the last couple of years is the reason that they have not reached fabulously new high prices. If one has

the money, investment in great rarities would be one of the greatest profit makers one could indulge in. It is not unwise to pay a record price for them for they are certainly worth it.

Orders for Proof Sets at the mint have gotten so large that the deadline for ordering has been pushed up to July 30. In other words, one can no longer get 1956 proof sets from them. What does this mean? Those that still want them will now have to go out into the open market to purchase them and the demand is great. Outcome? Up will go the prices. In addition, I understand the mint is increasing the cost of them 25¢, so that they will sell for \$2.35 instead of \$2.10. I believe it is estimated that there will be half a million 1956 proof sets. Is it too many? Who knows? Will they rise in value like other years have? Most likely! What will be the outcome of the value of other proof set years? I feel that as long as the speculators have an interest in them they will continue to rise.

Rumor has it that the Mint in Philadelphia is contemplating closing for the coining of regular coinage the middle of 1958. It is felt that the Denver mint can now supply United States demands for new coins and the Philadelphia mint plans to operate only to supply Proof Sets and strike Foreign coins, that are being ordered there in increasing numbers. If this comes about, a close watch on the coinage records for the year 1958 should be kept. It might also be advisable to watch the 1957 coinage, for such a lack of demand can cause a reduction in the quantities struck and create rarities. This is beginning to be evident with the 1956 P half dollars. The coinage record is very low.



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Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

I recently acquired a 1907 ten dollar gold coin and upon looking it up in Whitman's handbook I find there were three types for that year: namely regular issue; wire edged, periods in legend; and rolled edges, periods in legend. What is the legend on a gold coin and where are these periods? I also purchased a gold-backed note but cannot find any guide to its possible value as a collector's item. Why isn't a price guide listed for gold-backed notes?

—J. E. D., Vermont

Answer:

The gold back note is not listed, because all of these were supposed to be turned in to the government at face value.

The periods appear on the St. Gaudens, Type 1907, Eagle and not the Liberty Head. The Legends referred to are "United States of America" and "Ten Dollars" and the periods appear before and after these.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Will you please write me if any of the dates of the Roosevelt dimes are worth more than face value? Are any of the Franklin or Liberty Bell halves worth any more than face value? I have a Confederate States of Amer-

ica \$5.00 note of April 6, 1864, also a \$20.00 note of February 17, 1864. I also have 2 United States 10¢ paper notes and one United States 25¢ notes. Also 2 Dominion of Canada 25¢ notes. Are any of them worth more than face value?

—Mrs. O. E. K., Michigan

Answer:

There is a premium on some dates and varieties of Roosevelt dimes and Franklin halves, but only if they are in brilliant, uncirculated condition. Any out of circulation demand no premium. The ones that do demand a premium are usually dealt with by the roll and not as single pieces.

The paper money you have ranges in value from 25¢ to 50¢ per note.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I am a new subscriber to HOBBIES, and interested in your coin column. I would like information on the following coins. A number of 2-cent pieces in various condition, dates running from 1864 to 1872. Three-cent pieces, some good condition, dates running 1852 to 1881. Dime of 1834, 1853-1890. Half dime with arrows 1853 to 1854. 25¢ piece

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—Mrs. W. H. B., Florida

Answer:

From what I can gather from your letter you wish an itemized listing of the values of all coins in all types of conditions. This would take quite a bit of room, and I would like to suggest that you purchase Whitman's Handbook of United States Coins (\$1.00 plus 10¢ postage) that will list most of these pieces.

The two Civil War tokens of 1864 are worth around 10¢ each.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have come upon an 1820 (only last 2 digits visible) large Liberty Head, 1-cent piece. On the obverse side are stamped the initials "A.R." Could you please tell what they stand for and the origin of them? Please also tell me the value of the coin at wholesale price when the coin is in fair condition. Please suggest a way to remove a large amount of corrosion from a coin without damage to the coin.

—C. J., New York

Answer:

Most likely, the AR counterstamp was done by some person and should be considered a mutilation. I regret that there is no way of removing the heavy corrosion. The piece is too far gone. And as such worth very little. Good specimens of this coin can be purchased for 50¢ to \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Inclosed is a picture of a coin I possess. The picture comes from HOBBIERS Magazine, February, 1954. It is the same except for the date as my coin, dated 1806. What is its value?

—M. S., New Jersey

Answer:

The cent you have is valued according to condition. If it was in the exact condition as the coin illustrated it would be classified as Very Fine and an 1806 would be around \$15 in this condition. However, classification as to condition is a very specialized subject and an expert would have to inspect the coin to determine its exact condition. A coin of that date in "good" condition would only be worth \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I've lots of coins including about 75 3-cent pieces, 125 large cents, complete Lincoln set from 1909 S.V.D.B. to 1942 with 3 extra 1914 D's among them. The enclosed rubbings are coins in very fine condition but I'm not too good at the rubbing business. Any tips? I'd like the coins identified with their approximate value. Also have 1901 S dime, 1904 S, 1912 S, 1913 S, 1914 S, 1921 plain, 1924 S, D, 1927 S, D, 1926 S, D, most all in fine condition. Give values if it is not much trouble. I also have 3, 1917 S halves with the S on the obverse, also 1, 1916 with D on obverse. Enclosed are 2 commemorative stamps which maybe you save. Have also 1799 farthing in good condition. 1917 Liberty Standing quarters, type one, about 6 of them, and 1 type two in very fine condition. 1918 S quarter; 1920 S, 1918 and 1920 plain, others too numerous to mention. Any information will be appreciated. You can print all or part of this if you want or just send me the answers as you see fit.

—T. L. S., New York

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